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JUHNKE, KIM DARLA, 1957-

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1. Your name Kim Darla Juhnke (ID #_____)
   Date of form April 23, 1976 (ID #_____)

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ____Before 1750 ____1750-1800 x 1800-1850
   ____1850-1900 ____1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ____New England(Mass.,Conn.,R.I.) ____Middle Atlantic(N.Y.,Penna., N.J. Va.) ____South Atlantic(Ga.,Fla.,N.C.,S.C.) ____East South Central (La.,Miss.,Ala.,Tenn,Ky.) ____West South Central(Ark.,N.M.,Tex.,Ok.)
   x East North Central(Mich.,Ohio,Ind.) x Pacific(Cal.,Wash.)
   ____(Hawaii,Alaska) (Ill., Wisc.,)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   x Farming ____Mining ____Shopkeeping or small business
   ____Transportation ____Big Business x Manufacturing
   x Professions ____Industrial Labor x Other Salesman

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ____Roman Catholic ____Jewish ____Presbyterian ____Methodist
   ____Baptist x Episcopalian ____Congregational x Lutheran
   ____Quaker ____Mormon ____Other Protestant ____Other (name)_____

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

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   ____Jews ____Central Europeans ____Italians ____Slavs
   ____Irish x British ____Native Americans over several generations
   ____East Asian ____Other(Name)_____

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   x Interviews with other family members ____Family Bibles ____Family Genealogies
   ____Land Records ____The U.S. Census
   x Vital Records
   x Photographs ____Maps ____Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Adolf August Amil Juhnke Current Residence deceased

Date of birth January 1, 1896 Place of birth Comfrey, Minnesota
Date of death August 31, 1950 Place of burial Janesville, Wisconsin

Education(number of years);
grade school 8 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st farmer	Dates ____	1st New Ulm, Minn.	Dates 1926-1929
2nd plumbing	Dates ____	2nd Janesville, Wisc.	Dates 1929-1949
3rd (Chevrolet) manufacturing	Dates 1929-1948	3rd ____	Dates ____
4th ____	Dates ____	4th ____	Dates ____

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Wisconsin date February 15, 1926

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Olga Janisch Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth October 15, 1905 Place of birth Springfield, Minnesota
Date of death ____ Place of burial ____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 3 vocational ____
college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st clerk	Dates 1921-1926	1st New Ulm, Minn.	Dates 1926-1929
2nd ____	Dates ____	2nd Janesville, Wisc.	Dates 1929-1949
3rd ____	Dates ____	3rd ____	Dates ____
4th ____	Dates ____	4th ____	Dates ____

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Wisconsin date February 15, 1926

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Charles Vernon Critser Current Residence unknown

Date of birth January 15, 1915 Place of birth Lapel, Indiana

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st store manager Dates 1934 - ? 1st ~~115 Lincoln Park~~ Rockford Dates 1934 - 1936

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion ~~Lutheran~~

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name ~~Phyllis Lillian Warr~~ Current Residence Rockford, Illinios

Date of birth ~~August 9, 1914~~ Place of birth ~~Peterborough, Lincolnshire~~ England

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ colle

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENC (after leaving home

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates__

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates__

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates__

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates__

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date__

LDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

Name Duane Arthur Juhnke
Place of birth Janesville, Wisconsin date December 23, 1933
Number of years of schooling 12+ Occupation plumber
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children four Death

Name Julia Laura Juhnke
Place of birth Janesville, Wisconsin date May 25, 1931
Number of years of schooling nine Occupation housewife
Residence Cassville, Wisconsin Marital Status married
Number of children five Death

Name Eldora May Juhnke
Place of birth New Ulm, Minnesota date May 11, 1927
Number of years of schooling twelve plus Occupation secretary
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children four Death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Donna Joan Critser
   Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date January 13, 1936
   Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Medical Secretary
   Residence Rockford Marital Status married
   Number of children four death

2. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

3. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

4. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

5. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

6. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

7. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

8. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

9. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

10. Name
    Place of birth date
    Number of years of schooling Occupation
    Residence Marital Status
    Number of children death

Your Father

Name Duane Arthur Juhnke Current Residence 218 Highland, Rockford

Date of birth December 23, 1933 Place of birth Janesville, Wisconsin

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 8 months college 1

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st ~~aviation test man~~	Dates 1956 - 1970	1st	Seattle, Washington	Dates 1955 - 56
2nd real estate	Dates 1970 - 1974	2nd	3307 Liberty Drive Rockford	Dates 1956 - 61
3rd plumber	Dates 1974 - present	3rd	1612 Hackberry Lane Rockford	Dates 1961 - 63
4th	Dates	4th	3307 Liberty Drive	Dates 1963 - 65
			5511 Millry Drive	1965 - 1969
			2375 Mariposa Drive	1969 - 1971
			218 S. Highland Avenue	1971 -present

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Independant

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date October 15, 1955

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name ~~Donna Joan Critser~~ Current Residence 218 Highland, Rockford

Date of birth ~~January 13, 1928~~ 6 Place of birth Rockford, Illinois

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st sales clerk	Dates 1953	1st	Seattle, Washington	Dates 1955-56
2nd ~~piano teacher~~	Dates ~~1953 - 1957~~	2nd	3307 Liberty Drive Rockford, Illinois	Dates 1956-61
3rd homemaker	Dates 1955 - present	3rd	1612 Hackberry Lane Rockford	Dates 1961-63
4th secretary - medical	Dates 1969 - 1976	4th	3307 Liberty Drive	Dates 1963-65
			5511 Millry Drive	1965 - 1969
			2375 Mariposa Drive	1969 - 1971
			218 S. Highland Avenue	1971 - now

Religion (1 to 8 yrs.) Lutheran (8 to 23 yrs.) Episcopalian (23 to now) Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Illinois date October 15, 1955

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates___

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates___

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates___

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates___

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother_____ Date_____

F-2 Stepmother

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your father_____ date_____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

Name Kim Darla Juhnke
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth April 23, 1957
Number of years of schooling twelve plus Occupation sales clerk Sears
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children _____ death _____

Name Trina Dawn Juhnke
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth September 14, 1959
Number of years of schooling ten plus Occupation waitress
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children _____ death _____

Name Deon Kay Juhnke
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth April 19, 1961
Number of years of schooling eight plus Occupation _____
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status single
Number of children _____ death _____

Name Sharla Gay Juhnke
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth March 16, 1963
Number of years of schooling seven plus Occupation _____
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

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Signed Kim Juhnke

Date April 30 1976

ADOLF AUGUST AMIL JUHNKE

Grandfather
B January 1, 1896
M February 15,1926
D August 31,1950

B
M
D

ALVINA BERBERICH

B
D

DUANE ARTHUR JUHNKE

Father
B December 23, 1933
M October 15, 1955

JOHN JANISCH

NEM DABLA JUHNKE
Born: April 23, 1957
Married:
Died:

DUANE ARTHUR JUHNKE
Father
B December 23, 1933
M October 15, 1955
D

ADOLF AUGUST AMIL JUHNKE
Grandfather
B January 1, 1896
M February 15, 1926
D August 31, 1950

B
M
D

ALVINA BERBERICH
B
D

OLGA JANISCH
Grandmother
B October 16, 1905
D

JOHN JANISCH
B January 1, 1843
M
D 1930

MARTHA ARNDT
B July 1, 1880
D September 1967

DONNA JOAN CRITSER
Mother
B January 13, 1936
D

CHARLES VERNON CRITSER
Grandfather
B January 15, 1915
M June 5, 1934
D

ROY C. CRITSER
B January 15, 1915
M June 5, 1934
D

B
D

PHYLLIS LILLIAN WARR
Grandmother
B August 9, 1914
D

ALFRED WARR
B December 8, 1888
M April 1914
D

Alfred Warr
B 1841
M
D

Alfred Warr

Rebecca Botts
B 1845
D 1912

PRIMROSE WORTHINGTON
B April 19, 1894
D March 1972

Allen Worthington
B 1868
M
D December 1941

Harwood

Annie Gilbert
B 1871
D January 1951

Gilbert

SOURCES

Duane Juhnke (father)

Donna Juhnke (mother)

Mrs. James Redmond (paternal grandmother)

Mrs. Frank Scott (maternal grandmother)

Grace Jones (sister of maternal grandmother)

Alice Bontoft (great-grandfathers sister,maternal side)

Part I A Paternal Grandfather

ADOLF AUGUST AMIL JUHNKE

BORN: January 1, 1896

DIED: August 31, 1950

My grandfather was born in 1896 in the city of Comfrey, Minnesota where he was one of eleven brothers and sisters. He lived on a farm until he was about twelve years old. He then moved to Butte, Montana with his family and lived on a very large farm. Drought hit the area of Butte so the family moved to Morgan, Minnesota. He entered WWI and served two or three years. After he was out of WWI he took up homestead in Montana for a few years. Then he moved again to New Ulm, Minnesota where he went into the plumbing business. Not long after his move to New Ulm he met his future wife at a dance.

Part I B Paternal Grandmother

OLGA JANISCH

BORN: October 16, 1905

My grandmother was born in 1905 in Springfield, Minnesota. She attended a Lutheran Parochial School from first through eighth grade. Then her family moved to New Ulm, Minnesota in 1919 and she attended New Ulm High for three years and then quit school to go to work in a dry goods store. She worked there for a year and then worked in the Wonder Store for about four years until her marriage in 1926. She went steady with Adolf from July 1925 until their marriage in February of 1926.

Part I C Paternal Grandparents Lives Together

MR. AND MRS. ADOLF JUHNKE

MARRIED: February 15, 1926

My grandparents were married in 1926 and lived in an apartment in New Ulm, Minnesota. Their first child was born May 11, 1927. They named her Eldora May. In February 1929 they moved to Janesville, Wisconsin to the Jackson Hubard Addition home. They purchased the $2,000 four room home with $300 down. While they owned the house they built a basement under it by themselves. In 1929 my grandfather went to work at Chevrolet until 1948 when he started to become ill. During the 1932 depression he was layed off from Chevrolet for a year and a half. He went to work on a farm for a dollar a day while he was layed off. He resumed his job at Chevrolet and continued to work there a total of nineteen years. In 1931 their second child was born and they named her Julia Laura. In 1936 their third child was born and they named him Duane Arthur (my father). The family moved to town and rented from 1937 until 1939. Then they moved to a forty acre farm outside of town and raised tobacco. My grandmother had her own dairy with about 200 customers. In 1943 they moved back to Janesville where they had a home at the address of 18 South Acadamy. In 1944 the Chevrolet factory made shells for the war and then both grandparents worked there. My grandmother worked there for the government and my grandfather worked there for the factory. In 1947 they owned a restaurant at the South Acadamy address while Monroe Point was there place of residence. In 1948 Julia was married to Raymond Raisbeck. Also in 1948 my grandfather was hospitalized at the vets hospital in Tomah, Wisconsin with a brain tumor. He died on August 31, 1950 from pneumonia. My grandmother and her son came to live in Rockford in 1949. They both took employement at National Lock.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Juhnke
marriage picture
February 15, 1926

Part I D FATHER

DUANE ARTHUR JUHNKE

BORN: December 23, 1933

My father was born at home on December 23, 1933 in Janesville, Wisconsin. When he was three years old the family moved to Hackbarth's farm in Ruger Heights. He went to Blackhawk Country School from first through third grade. He then moved to another farm on RRI and went to Wooladale School for fourth grade. He continued moving with his family to 18 South Acadamy and attended St. Pauls Lutheran School from fifth through eighth grade. They also moved to Monroe Point while he went to St. Pauls. His father died when he was fifteen and he and his mother came to Rockford to live on the corner of Seventh Street and Broadway in 1949. He worked a few months at the Seventh Street Sweet Shop and then he and his mother went to work at National Lock. His mother met his future wife's mother working there and make arrangements for them to meet.

Duane Juhnke (my father)
August 1943

Part II A Maternal Grandfather

CHARLES VERLON RICHARD CRITSER

BORN: January 15, 1915

My maternal grandfather was born January 15, 1915 in Lapel, Indiana. He had two sisters. His mother died when he was fifteen years old and his father re-married. He graduated from high school and met his future wife through Messiah Lutheran Church. He married Phyllis Lillian Warr on June 5, 1934.

Part II B Maternal Grandmother

PHYLLIS LILLIAN WARR

BORN: August 9, 1914

My grandmother was born August 9, 1914 in Peterborough, Lincolnshire in England. In 1921 she moved to Witham on the Hill in Lincolnshire. She came from England when she was nine years old in 1923. She then presently lived at 1228 Elm Street. She went to fifth grade while she lived on Euclid Avenue. She attended Lincoln Park School for sixth and seventh grade while she lived on Garver Avenue. She started school at Central High and dropped out in her sophomore year. She met her future husband through Messiah Lutheran Church in 1933 and was married in 1934. Some of the changes she saw from moving to the U.S.A. from England were that cars were more abundant and there were flush toilets in the schools. The schools also had books and morning breaks with graham crackers and milk.

Phyllis Scott (my maternal grandmother)
1976

Part II C Maternal Grandparents Lives Together

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CRITSER

MARRIED: June 5, 1934

My grandparents were married on June 5, 1934 in Messiah Lutheran Church. They lived at 115 Lincoln Park Blvd. while they were married and my grandfather was a store department manager. After two years of marriage they were divorced October 27, 1936 on the grounds of mental cruelty.

Part II D Mother

DONNA JOAN WARR

BORN: January 13, 1936

My mother was born at home, 115 Lincoln Park Blvd., on January 13, 1936. When she was around four or five she lived at 2608 Broadway. She started first grade at Lincoln Park School while living on Woodrow Ave. She continued first grade and finished her second year also at Kishwaukee School. She lived at 1603 Fourth Avenue while she went from third through sixth grade at John Nelson. Roosevelt was where she attended seventh through nineth grade. This is while she was living at 1135 Bruce Street from 1947 through 1954. She attended West High and graduated in 1953. In 1954 she lived at 4903 Illinois Street. She met my father through an agrreement of the two mothers that they should meet each other.

Donna Juhnke (my mother)
Summer 1937

Donna Juhnke
West High graduate 1953

Part III A Parents Lives Together

MR. AND MRS. DUANE JUHNKE

MARRIED: October 15, 1955

My parents were married October 15, 1955 in Rockford. They had their honey - moon at the Wisconsin Dells. My father was then stationed in Seattle, Washington while my mother lived in Loves Park at 4903 Illinois Street. Then my mother went to Seattle to live on the date of December 20, 1955. They lived at 1509 Dravus for a few months and then Seventh Avenue West for a few months. On June 29, 1956 my father was dismissed from the army and they came back to Rockford to live at 4802 North Second Street until October 1956. While my mother was pregnant with me they moved to 1228 Elm Street where I was born. My father started Sundstrand in 1956 and worked there many years. When they were married my mother was Episcopalian and my father was Lutheran. My mother was then re-confirmed at Mount Olive Lutheran Church as a Lutheran.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Juhnke (my parents)
October 15, 1955

Part III B My Life

KIM DARLA JUHNKE

BORN: April 23, 1957

I was born in Swedish American Hospital on April 23, 1957 and lived at 1228 Elm Street. After living there a few months we moved to 1335 Charles Street which is now a parking lot at Swedish American Hospital. After almost a year there we moved to 3307 Liberty Drive from May 1958 until March 1961. We proceeded to move again, this time to Hackberry Lane until August 1963. We then moved back to 3307 Liberty Drive because the Hackberry Lane house was to expensive at that time. I attended Summerdale School for first and second grade. We then proceeded to 5511 Millry Drive. I went to Gunsolas School for third through half of sixth grade. I finished out the sixth grade at Thompson School while living at 2375 Mariposa Drive. I also attended Buckbee Junior High for seventh and eighth grade while at this address. I lived at Mariposa Drive until October 2, 1971 at which time our family moved to 218 South Highland where I presently live. I attended East High School and am presently at Rock Valley College studing the Social Sciences. I am presently employed by Sears and Robuck at CherryVale. I've worked there almost two years. Previously I was employed at Ponderosa Steak House on State Street for one year. Religion didn't play to much of a part of my life until last fall when I started to attend Campus Crusade for Christ at Rock Valley. I started Sunday School at Redeemer Lutheran Church while in fifth grade and am currently attending there.

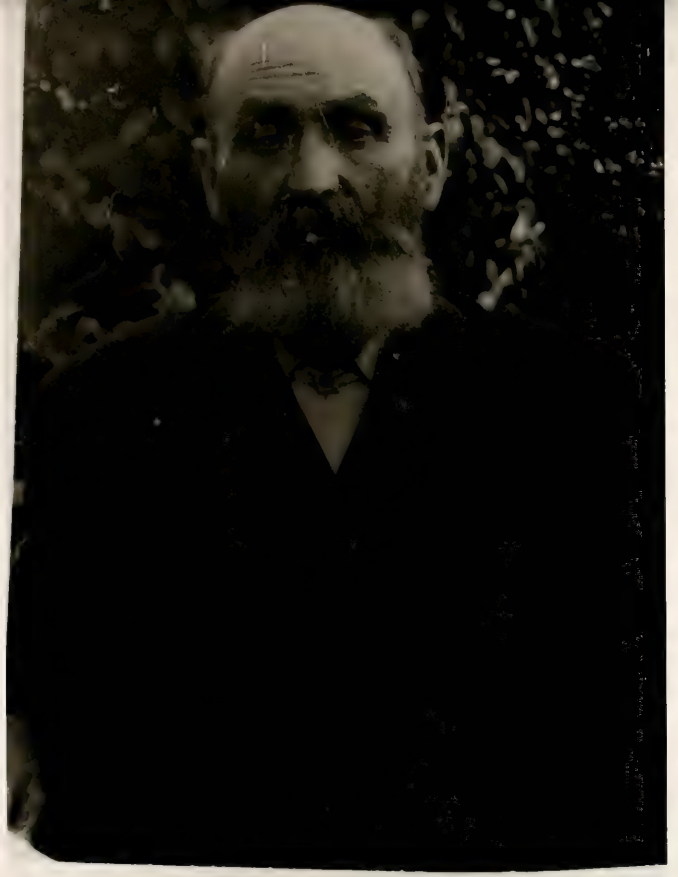
Kim Darla Juhnke (my first Christmas, 1957)
Age: 8 months

Kim Darla Juhnke
Senior Picture 1975

Juhnke house (my present residence)
218 South Highland
Rockford, Illinois
1976

(my great grandparents)
Rose and Alfred Warr
50th wedding anniversery
April 1964

(my great-great grandparents, maternal)
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Worthington
England 1935



(my great-great grandparents, maternal)
great grandfathers parents
Stanford, England 1911

JURGENS, RAEANN E SANDERS, 1951-

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1. Your name Raeann E (Sanders) Juergens
   Date of form May 1, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 X 1800-1850
   ___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ___ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska) X Ill., Iowa, Wisconsin

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming ___ Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   ___ Professions X Industrial labor X Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian X Methodist
   X Baptist X Episcopalian ___ Congregational X Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon X Other Protestant ___ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews ___ Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ___ Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian X Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members X Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   ___ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps X Other

FAMILY DATA

. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Henry John Sanders Jr Current Residence deceased
If dead, date of death 1955

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of Birth 1876

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Worked in Grocery Store	Dates 1894 - 1926	1st 9th St Rockford	Dates 1907 1912
2nd	Dates	2nd Charles St Rockford	Dates 1912 1917
3rd	Dates	3rd 1211 - 15th St Rockford	Dates 1917 1926
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Sueda Soner

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Cherry Valley date 6-26-07

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Josephine E. Johnson Current Residence Ill Extended Care Cnt
If dead, date of death ____

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth March 5, 1880

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 1 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st housework	Dates 1895 - 1898	1st 9th St Rockford	Dates 1907 1912
2nd factory work	Dates 1898-1907	2nd Charles St Rockford	Dates 1912 1917
3rd Cafeteria	Dates 1927 - 1956	3rd 1211 15th St Rockford	Dates 1917 1926
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Baptist - later Lutheran

, Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Cherry Valley DATE 6-26-07

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

randfather (your mother's side)

ame Carl Elof Carlson Current Residence deceased
f dead, date of death Nov 17 1964

lace of birth Sweden Date of birth Sept 8, 1881
ducation (number of years):
grade school 6 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Farmwork Dates ____ 1st Sweden Dates ____
nd Rail Road Dates ____ 2nd Finland Dates ____
rd Sugar Mills Dates ____ 3rd Denmark Dates ____
th Furniture Making Dates 1907? 1936 4th Rockford Dates 1909? 1960

eligion Lutheran
olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Lyrans

lace of marriage to your grandmother Rockford date 1912
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

randmother (your mother's side)

ame Anna C. Gustafson Current Residence deceased
f dead, date of death 1930

lace of birth Sweden Date of birth 1880
ducation (number of years)
grade school 7 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Nurse's Aid Dates 1900 - 04 1st Boston Mass Dates 1900-04
nd Seamstress Dates 1904 - 14 2nd Rockford Dates 1904 - 30
rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

eligion Salvation Army
olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

lace of marriage to your grandfather ____ date ____
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Henry John Sanders Jr
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date May 21, 1911
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation mail carrier; Lathe operator
Residence Deceased Marital Status was married
Number of children 3

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name Ethel U Carlson
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date Oct 1
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Clerk
Residence Deceased Marital Status was married
Number of children 2

Name Harry Carlson
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date 1917
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Inspector at Factory
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children 2

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

our Father

ame Henry John Sanders Jr Current Residence Deceased
f dead, date of death May, 1973

ace of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth May 27, 19[illegible]
ducation (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2 college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st lathe operator Dates 1934-41 1967-72 1st lived home all his life Dates

nd MAILMAN Dates 1946-67 2nd Dates

rd Dates 3rd Dates

th Dates 4th Dates

eligion Lutheran

olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, VFW
NAM, Club

lace of marriage to your mother Rockford date 4-26-41

OTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

our Mother

ame Ethel V Carlson Sanders Current Residence Deceased
f dead, date of death Aug. 1969

lace of birth Rockford, Ill Date of birth Oct. 1, 19
ducation (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Clerk Dates 1938-1941 1942-47 1955-69 1st 1211 15th St. Rockford Dates 1941-69

nd Dates 2nd Dates

rd Dates 3rd Dates

eligion Lutheran

olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

lace of marriage to your father Rockford date 4-26-41

OTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

DREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Ricsum F. Sanders Jurgens
e of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth Nov 1, 1951
er of years of schooling 14 yrs Occupation Payroll clerk
dence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status married
er of children none

Richard Henry Sanders
e of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth Feb 7, 1946
er of years of schooling 10 yrs Occupation glass Blower
dence Travels Marital Status single
er of children none

e of birth Date of birth
er of years of schooling Occupation
dence Marital Status
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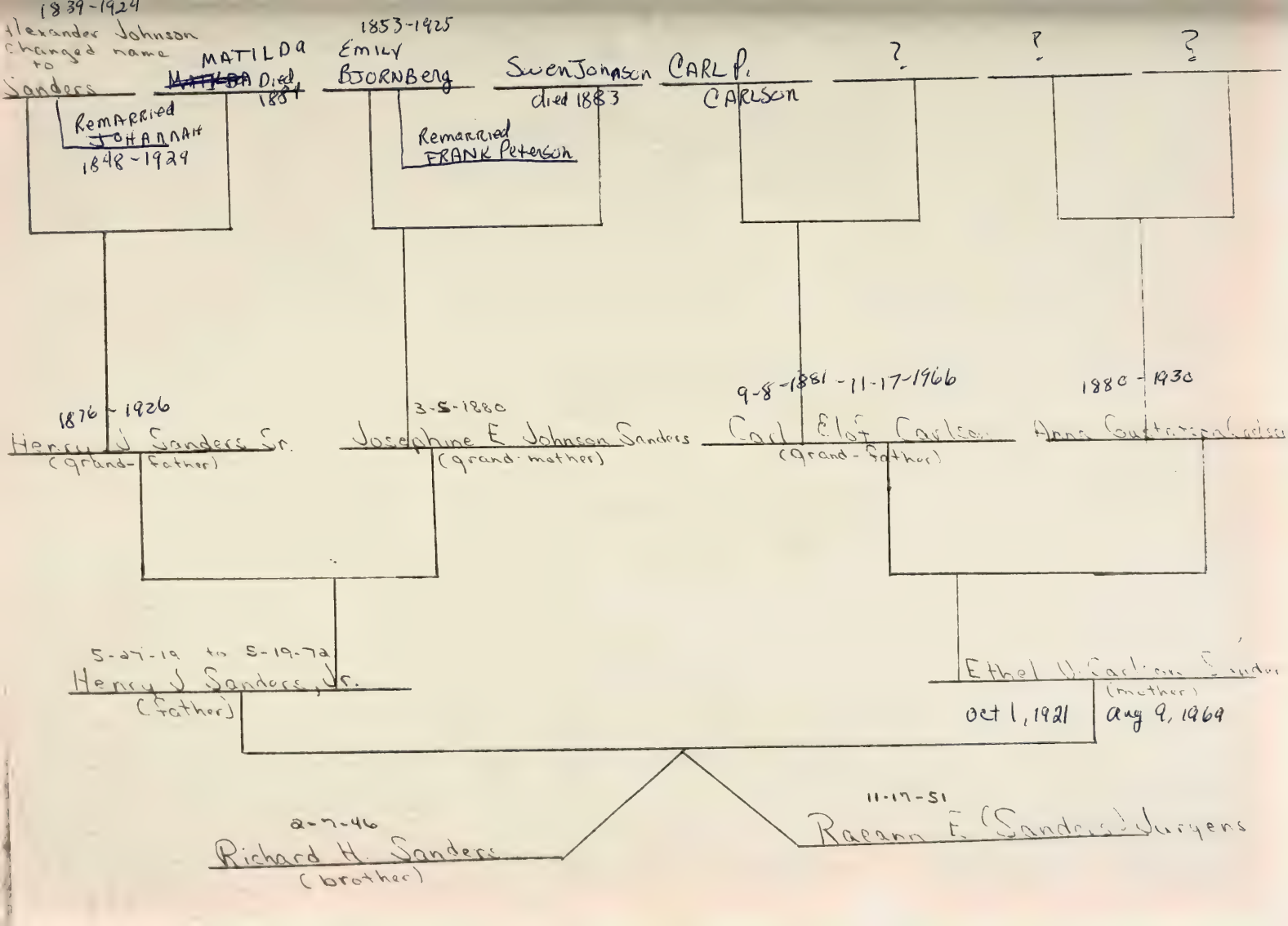
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Ricsum F. Jurgens

Date May 20th, 1974


1839-1924
Alexander Johnson
changed name
to
Sanders
MATILDA
~~MATILDA~~ Died 1884
Remarried
JOHANNAH
1848-1924
1853-1925
EMILY
BJORNBERG
Sven Johnson
died 1883
Remarried
FRANK Peterson
CARL P.
CARLSON
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?
1876-1926
Henry J Sanders Sr.
(grand-father)
3-5-1880
Josephine E Johnson Sanders
(grand-mother)
9-8-1881 - 11-17-1966
Carl Eliot Carlson
(grand-father)
1880 - 1930
Anna Christina Carlson
5-27-19 to 5-19-72
Henry J Sanders, Jr.
(father)
Ethel U. Carlson Sanders
(mother)
Oct 1, 1921
Aug 9, 1969
2-7-46
Richard H. Sanders
(brother)
11-17-51
Raeann E. (Sanders) Jurgens

LIST OF SOURCES

1. Josephine . Sanders
2. Harry Carlson
3. letters written to Josephine Sanders from Henry Sanders Sr
4. diary of the Carlson
5. family Bible

ALEXANDER JOHNSON SANDERS

Alexander Johnson was born in 1836 in Iowa. He later moved to Rockford, Illinois, when he was about 20 yrs. old. In Rockford he lived just a few blocks from 7th. St. so he could be close to his work. Downstairs from where he lived, another Alexander Johnson lived and their mail was constantly getting mixed up. As a result of mail problem Alexander decided to change his name. He dropped the Johnson and took the 'ander' part of his first name and added an 's' to the front and end of it and got the name Alex Sanders.

While in Rockford he met and married Matilda. They had two sons Henry and Martin. About a year after Martin was born Matilda died of typhoid fever, in 1884. Alex's sister came from Iowa and took Martin back to Iowa with her where she raised him until Alex remarried. Alex remarried about 3 years later to Johannah. They went out to Iowa and got Martin. Johannah raised Henry and Martin. Johannah was born in 1848 and died in 1929. Alex Sanders died in 1914.

EMILY BJORNBERG - EWEN JOHNSON - FRANK PETERSON

Emily Bjornberg was born in Sweden in 1[illegible]3. Emily came to Rockford, Illinois, when she was 16. A few years later the rest of her family came to the United States and settled in Spring Lakes, Iowa.

While in Rockford she met and later married Ewen Johnson. Ewen worked at a foundry in Rockford. As a result of working at the foundry Ewen developed lung trouble and a doctor told them to move to the country for his health. They moved to Cherry Valley in 1[illegible]. Ewen died of respiratory troubles in 1[illegible]3.

Emily had three children to support so she started doing baking for other people. Emily also did laundry for other people. A couple of years after Ewen's death Emily met and married Frank Peterson. Frank was also a widower with four children. Frank was a cobbler. During the summers at haying time he helped out neighboring farmers for $.7[illegible] a day. Emily continued doing baking for other people and also started selling the rag rugs and carpets she had made on her loom.

In 1908 they sold their home and moved back to Rockford. Josephine stayed in Cherry Valley with some relatives so she could continue working there. In Rockford the family bought a small house on 8th. St. and 10th. Ave. They all found jobs here in Rockford.

Emily died in 192[illegible] and Frank died a few years later.

HENRY JOHN [illegible]. 1876 to 1934

Henry Sanders was born in Rockford, Illinois, in 1876. When Henry was about 17 he started working for Joe Billard, who ran a grocery store. The store was only about 2 blocks from where Henry lived. The store was more than just a grocery store it also carried clothing, stationery, and other things. Henry started out as a delivery boy and eventually started running the place. Joe Billard drank quit a bit and was sick most of the time. Henry and Joe were good friends most of the time, but they did fight alot over how the store should be run. Henry thought about quitting quite a few times but needed the money so he stayed.

Henry met Josephine thru Joe's wife Victoria, who was Josephine's cousin. They met in 1897 and continued seeing each other and corresponding until they were married in 1907. Because Josephine lived in Cherry Valley when they first met and Henry lived in Rockford, they only saw each other about once a week, usually on Sunday. It took Henry about one hour to get to Cherry Valley when he took a horse and buggy. He borrowed Joe's buggy whenever he could to save the cost of taking the train.

If Henry mailed a letter to Josephine by 8:00am, she would have it that afternoon. When Henry was in Chicago one time Josephine sent a letter to him and it took 12 days to get there. In many of the letters Henry wrote to Josephine he talked about the news of what was going on in Rockford and in the nation.

In August of 1897 Henry joined the Illinois National Guard and went to Springfield, Illinois, for training at Camp Lincoln. In April of 1898 he was sent back down to Springfield for more training. He stayed in Springfield until he was sent to Guayamo, Puerto Rico, and from there to Cuba. On the following pages are some xerox copies of some of Henry's letters concerning the Spanish-American War and McKinley's assination. Henry returned in November of 1898. Henry eventually became a lieutenant in the Illinois Guard.

Henry joined the Svea Soner Social association. This is a Swedish choir. Henry sang at numerous weddings and banquets. He remained active in Svea Soner until his death. Henry was also active in the Methodist Church in Rockford.

try to come and see you and say
Good-bye and if the call comes
too sudden and we must hurry
so I can't come I will bid you
a fond farewell

Hoping to see you
again

I am

Henry Sa[illegible]

7th [illegible]

R[illegible] 1861

P.S. It does not look like war
for about a week if it is not
put off all together

Rockford Ill
April [illegible]

Joie ——

I hope you are well as I am [illegible] not rid of my cold as yet. Well this is Thursday and I am still alive. President McKinley's message was postponed until next Monday in order to let the American women & children get out of Cuba. America has sent 4 warships to get the people. Spain has 200,000 soldiers in Cuba and we have only 115,000 but we are all need to a gun and are not afraid to go. If I am not called out before Sunday I will see you then but in case I should be [illegible] out I will

Josie

This is Thursday afternoon and we have not been called out. Mc Kinley sent in his message to congress Monday noon and left it with them, to say whether we should have war or not and congress says that war must step in here but Spain will not give up. This mornings paper says that 3 regiments have left for Florida to be in readiness and this afternoon it is reported on the street that an American Spanish Gunboat had been fighting but how true that is I do not know as yet. I do not think we will

be called out. This [illegible] war
has already started but time
alone will say how [illegible] long
we can live in America.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

April 21st 1898

Josie —

This is a little later than the other letter. War was declared at 2 oclock to-day and they are blowing all factory whistles & ringing bells and making a lot of noise. It is only a small question of time untill we go. I'll try and come down before I go

Jenny

In Camp Tenn Springfield

Wednesday May 11th 65

Dear Josie —

I received your welcome letter last night and I wish to thank you for it only it was not long enough. You say I had not ought to scold you for not writing but I bet if you was far away from home and could hear nothing you would appreciate a letter. If you have no paper take some old paper that you get around the groceries. I am not particular what kind of paper you write on just so you will write. I began thinking that you had given me up for some one else but if you do that I hope you will get a man just as good or even better than I was. I always tried to be a gentleman in your company

and how well I succeeded you know better than I. You say you wished I was home but I think it will be a long time before I come if I ever do. We are no more The Illinois National Guard. We are now United States Regulars. We had an examination last Saturday and I passed all right. He looked pretty steady at my eye but he said I was so sound all over that he would let that eye pass. He said he did not think it would bother me any and I told him that I could see all right and then he tried me and I could read better than I thought I would. He said my lungs + heart were in the best of shape. Lots of the boys were thrown out on account of rupture. It was the strictest examination I ever was in. They pounded us and made us cough + jump to see that we were active. He almost pulled my eye out when he examined it and I tell you it hurt but I guess it will hurt worse when we eat bullets. We are 7 regiments down here + two of them will leave for Chickamauga to-morrow at noon and them two will be the 3rd (of which I am a member) + the 5th regiments. The other regiments will stay here until they are needed. The rumors floating here is that only 2 out of the 7 regiments from Illinois will ever see actual fighting or ever see Cuba and the 3rd + 5th will be

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In Camp.....

the lucky ones to go. The way I think we will go will be to Chickamauga first and from there to New Orleans or some other Southern point and then we will be transferred from there to Cuba. They must certainly expect to send the 2nd & 5th regt. into some pretty dangerous place because they gave us such a strict examination yesterday we were all vaccinated and we are only allowed to eat certain food so that they can look out for diseases. They have not been near as strict with the other regiments and none have been vaccinated only the 2nd & 5th regt. The boys all have sore arms now and I think they will have yet for a couple of weeks. I understand we are to

have some more examinations and then we will be compelled to take medicine & have all food cooked just so. They are doing all they can to keep us from catching yellow fever & Small Pox but then I think some of us will catch it anyhow. I was vaccinated when I went to school but it was nothing like this. First they scrub your arm until the blood circulates and then they rub some stuff on your arm and then they scrape your arm until it bleeds good and then they take a knife and cut 6 times in your arm 1/8 of an inch deep and then they squirt some more stuff into you. Then you go over to another doctor and he chews it for you. Two of the boys in our company fainted when they cut them and we are all wondering what they will do if a bullet hits them. I suppose they will lay right down & die. Of course it hurt a little but if I don't get hurt worse than that I will not kick. Some of the boys are a little shaky about going to Cuba while others are just crazy to go. Lots of the boys did not realize what they did when they took the oath of the United States last Saturday but they will after a while as there is just as much difference in the laws of the State of Ill. & the United States as there is in night & day. We are now under the law that if we try to desert or go home our punishment is death.

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In Camp.....

There are a lot of more laws but I have not room to mention them all. The oath we took Saturday night was to protect the United States in any place That The President saw fit to send us and to do our duty always even if we know that it will be sure death. We also promised to be loyal to our commanders and wherever sent to win our battles or die. We enlisted for 2 years but if the war does not last that long we will be discharged. The government has the right to reject us at any time They see fit. I have been made Corporal and I did my first duty as a non-commissioned officer last Sunday night when I had charge of the guards. I have also a squad in what

they call skirmishing and I have to command them. There are 8 men in my squad. We are all to be fitted up this afternoon and be ready to leave to-morrow. They have begun to feed us a little better now than they did at first. Of course everything is coarse & hard food but when we are hungry it tastes good. Joe was down here on the excursion last Sunday and I got a pass to go out. It was the first time I have been outside the grounds since I came here. I think I will now close with best regards and hoping to see you some time I remain ever your

Henry Sanders

P.S. Send best regards to all friends. Do not write until I write and let you know where we are.

P.S. The latest news here is that we go straight to New Orleans & don't go to Chickamauga but I don't know how true the report is. Well wherever we go I will think of you & write when I can

Guayamo Puerto Rico
Tuesday Aug 9th 1898

Darling Josie
— I have a little time to spare to-day so I will let you know that we left Guayamo and together with the 4th Ohio regiment charged on the city of Guayamo which we captured and are now holding. The Spaniards fought at first but when we kept advancing they soon run for the mountains. We killed 1 and wounded six and captured about 40 Spaniards while the Ohio regiment had 2 wounded both being shot in the knees. One fellow in our regt. was shot 3 times and killed by the 4th Pennsylvania regt. He was too far out but it is tough. He killed

by ones own comrades. He was a member of Co K. of Rockford. They dug a hole and then put him in it same as they did with the dead Spaniards and it was all over. It is a case of as long as you are well you can take care of yourself but when you get sick they let you die and put you in a hole and cover you up and then it is all over. One fellow in our company had a shot go through his shirt and just touch his breast and left a red mark where it touched and one fellow in my squad had his hat shot off and now he is bareheaded so you can see by that that bullets were pretty close to us and I thank my lucky stars that I escaped as luckily as I did. The boys are all right and are anxious for fight and have asked the Colonel to take

up into the mountains and I think we will start out to-morrow. When we came here it was so warm that the boys threw away their blanket rolls haversacks and almost every thing they had except their gun and belt. We had to cut a lot of wires and climb through barb wire fences which the Spaniards had put up in order to keep us back and shoot us when we crawled through but we got through all right except some boys were cut some and every body's clothes were torn so we are now a ragged looking lot until we get some new clothes. My shoes are all wore out and in another week I will have to go barefoot unless they issue shoes pretty soon and that would be pretty tough as we have to walk on sharp rocks

and cactus plants + barbwire
so I don't think I could stand
that very long but a fellow has to
put up with a good deal in the
army so I expect I will have to
walk along as best I can. Some
of the boys are barefoot now and
their feet are so sore that they
can't touch their foot to the ground
Two companies of the Ohio went
out to skirmish in the mountain
yesterday and got into a lively
fight and we were ordered out but
when we got there the fight was
over and we returned to the city
which we are guarding. The
Ohio's report that they found 32
dead Spaniards and quite a few
wounded but they don't know just
how many. 6 of the Ohio's were
wounded and 2 are likely to die
The Ohio's used their dynamite

guns and they proved themselves very good. The Spaniards have got themselves in the mountains and I think we will have a hard job to drive them out but we will do it or die trying. I tell you them bullets whistle when they go by your heads. They have now issued us Krag Jorgensen guns and they are a great deal better than our old guns and besides we now use smokeless powder which is a great help to us. These guns do not kick near as hard as the old gun and instead of carrying a bayonet we have a large knife. The poor natives were very happy when we had driven the Spaniards out and came out and hollered + cheered the American flag until they were almost hoarse. They had not been outside of their homes

for 4 days as the Spanish as told them if they put their heads out they would cut their throats. We talk a little to them from what we learned at Fehiekamanga and from what they say the Spaniard must be a tough + inhuman lot and would just as soon cut a womans throat as eat, but still they are cowards and instead of standing up and fighting they run and every once in a while turn and fire a few shots and then run again. They had the advantage of us before as their guns would shoot further than ours but now we have just as good guns as they and we can chase them and make it warm for them too. They use a very good gun but the K. J. are equal to them if not better. The hon. people here were almost

starved to death as the Yankees
had stolen all their food and
not being satisfied with that
they broke dishes & smashed
their furniture and almost
frightened the natives to death
especially the woman folks so
you cannot wonder at their
happiness of seeing American
Soldiers. They holler all day (La
Viva Americanos Bandera) which
means long live the American flag.
We gave them plenty to eat as soon
as our commissary wagons came
around and they are around on
at every meal and we give them
plenty to eat for which they are
very thankful. They all go barefoot here and all smoke cigars
even women & small children
which they make themselves

and also give us all we want.
There are plenty of lemons & cocoanuts
here which we help ourselves too.
The women all wear loose wrapper
as it is too warm to wear anything
else. This is a city of 20,000
inhabitants and they have all
kind of stores except saloons so
we can buy anything we want
but they charge big prices for every
thing. They have the nicest park
in this town that I ever saw
and the flowers here are the most
beautiful I ever saw. The live
here like a lot of japs and do know
a thing going on only what we do
ourselves as we have had no news
since coming to this island. They
claim that after this island is
captured the U.S. Government is
going to make it into Homestead
land and give it out to the soldiers

if they will work it and I think the boys are laying plans to come here after the war is over. I have thought a little of it and I suppose I would get rich here quicker than any where else as the soil is fine and we could raise all kinds of stuff. How would you like to come here and be housekeeper for me if I stayed? It is a fine climate and although the sun is burning hot there are cool breezes that come from the sea and the ground is nice if a fellow works it as the natives are too lazy to work the soil. I am in the best of health but we left 9 in Chickamauga + 1 at Hospital Hens and have 11 here that are sick so that makes 19 out of our company that are sick and some are very sick too.

I hope they will get well but I am afraid that some of them never will as it is a bad thing to get sick down here. There are also lots of the boys stung by poisonous insects which are plenty around here. I think I will have to close now hoping to hear from you very soon + often. I am short on paper + my envelopes are all stuck together so I will cut one and and sew it up. I will write as long as I can get paper. With much love + happy thoughts for you I am

Corporal Henry Sands

Military Post Co H 3rd Ill. Vol.
No 1 Puerto Rico
In the field.

Please let my friends know I am alive + well. — Henry

Sept. 20 1901

My dearest Josephine

I received your welcome letter this morning as I set down making orders and was surprised but pleased but I got a letter so soon. I'm glad you arrived all right and hope you will have fine weather so you can enjoy your trip. It was hard for me to leave you in the crush hope you had found a seat the night you went but I thought the train started so I set the satchel down and said good bye but I don't know if you heard me. There certainly was a big crowd on the train that night for I went the length of the train to see if there were any vacant seats but they were all taken. Then I went to the library and had a good hike and I was tired I'd attended the Veteran's meeting at G. A. R. Hall. Yesterday was a sad, dreary and wet day. A fine drizzle of rain fell all afternoon. Meetings were held in all the churches here

in memoriam of Mr Kinley and to-day the papers are full of the different speeches. I attended a meeting at the east side church [illegible] conducted by a chaplain of the regular army who has just returned from the Philippines and [illegible] acquainted with [illegible] Mr Kinley's life. [illegible] 18 times since [illegible] life and all business [illegible] closed from 2 [illegible] until 6 and the [illegible] was more quiet than it [illegible] days. I guess everybody in Rockford went to church for the churches were overcrowded and I saw fellows going to church that I don't believe ever went before. All stores and even the factories were decorated and some buildings were just covered with black & white and you-left here one day to soon to see all the decorations for they hung them up Wednesday. Wednesday night I helped decorate the Armory and we had the building all covered in black & white and flags. The street cars even stopped running for half an hour and take it all through it was the most solemn day I ever saw in Rockford. They did not have a parade here although there was talk of having one. The grocers did not open their stores in the evening and I did not know what to do for an hour until I met Decar H. & Decar G. and then we went to the Opera House and saw a play entitled "The Village Postmaster" and it was very good something on the lines of The Old Homestead. Sunday I expect will be a long day since I can't spend it with you dear but if the weather is good I think I will go to the range. I'm going to ask pa to let me take the rig to drive out there and shoot from early in the morning until dark for we have plenty of ammunition now and the target practice season closes in about 4 weeks so we will all have to do a lot of shooting. We have had cold weather ever since you left but to-day the sun is

trying to shine out it [illegible] it up
any. I caught a cold and it settled in
my throat so I feel a little hoarse and
I've wanted me to wash the [illegible] this
afternoon but I said "not until warmer
weather." [illegible] you are enjoying
yourself and seeing [illegible]
will take the winter to tell [illegible] it. I
will just tell [illegible] you when I
see them. I don't think there are any more
shakings around here but I know I
that would interest you so I will close for
this time hoping my dear girl has a good
time and my love & regards as ever yours

Henry

I will use the [illegible] as I
said.

JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH JOHNSON March 5, 1890

Josephine E. Johnson was born in Rockford, Illinois, March 5, 1890. Josephine's family moved to Cherry Valley when she was 2 years old. The family lived a little north of Cherry Valley about 10 miles from Rockford. Her father died when she was about 3 years old.

When Josephine was 15 she started doing housework for some of her neighbors to help out at home financially. When Josephine was 18, her family moved back to Rockford. Josephine stayed behind in Cherry Valley staying with some of her relatives. Within a year she started working at a small stocking factory. She worked there a couple of years and then quit to go to Spring Lakes, Iowa, with her mother. They stayed in Iowa for 4 months visiting relatives. While there Josephine worked doing housework. When they came back from Iowa Josephine stayed in Rockford. She got a job in The Rockford Watch factory working in the office. She inspected the crystals. Josephine had worked there about 2 years when Josephine and the 2 other people, who worked in the office with her, were fired. They were given no reason for their being fired. Josephine then got a job at a shoe factory in Rockford where she worked until she got married.

While Josephine was in Cherry Valley she attended a Baptist Church. When she moved to Rockford she started going to a Methodist Church. She was an active church goer

HENRY & JOSEPHINE

Henry and Josephine were married June 26, 1907. They were married in a Baptist Church in Cherry Valley. Josephine's sister, Alice and her husband Gustuv, went with as witnesses. They lived in the upstairs apartment of a two family house on 9th. St. and 11th. Av. only a few blocks from where Henry worked. They lived there five years and five months when the landlord's daughter got married and wanted to move into the upstairs apartment. They then moved to a apartment on Charles Street ~~on~~ NEAR St. Anthony Hospital. They lived there a few years and then decided to buy a house. They bought a house at 1211 11th. Street for $2,200.00. They put the $1200.00 they had saved down on the house and borrowed the remaining $1000.00 from Gustuv, Josephine's brother-in-law. Two years later Alice and Gustuv built a house across the street from Henry and Josephine.

Shortly after Henry and Josephine were married Joe Hillard started drinking quit heavily again and became very sick. Victoria decided to sell the grocery store, so Henry started looking for another job. He got another job at Morlanders Grocery on 9th. Street. He remained there the rest of his life.

Josephine and Henry attended a Methodist Church in Rockford. After Henry's death Josephine started attending Tabor Lutheran Church just four blocks from were she lived.

Josephine and Henry had one son, Henry John Sanders, Jr. born May 27, 1919. Alice, Josephine's sister, also had a son about the same time. The two played together when they were growing up. There were also many other children about Henry's age in the neighborhood.

Henry Sanders, Jr. died of tuberculosis in 1934. The funeral was held in the house on 15th Street.

Josephine received financial help from her relatives and friends after Henry's death. She also did some odd jobs. In the fall of 1937 Josephine started working at Lincoln Junior High School in the cafeteria. She worked there until 1950. She walked a mile to work and a mile home for the first nine years she worked there because she couldn't afford to pay the 5¢ for the bus ride. Josephine also rented the upper half of the house out to boarders during the depression.

When Henry was married he and his wife moved into the house on 15th St. with Josephine. Josephine stayed in that house until 1972 when she went into a nursing home. After she quit work she helped take care of their children and the house. After the death of her daughter-in-law and a few years later the death of her son, a housekeeper came to stay with Josephine. The housekeeper stayed with her about a year after which she, Josephine, went to stay at Illinois Extended Care Center in Rockford.

CARL [illegible] CARLSON Sept. 9, 1881 to Nov. 17, 1966

Carl Olof Carlson was born in Sweden September 9, 1881, on a small farm. His parents were in their early fifties when he was born. His five brothers, who were much older than him had already left home by the time Carl was born. When Carl was about 15 years old he started working on a nearby estate as a hired hand. After working on the estate for a few years he entered the Swedish army. When Carl got out of the army, Sweden was in a depression. Carl could not find work anywhere in Sweden, so he left Sweden and went to Finland. In Finland he found work on the railroads. After approximately a year in Finland he left for Denmark hoping to find a better job. He got a job in the sugar mills but still wasn't making as much as he had wanted.

When Carl was in his late twenties he left Denmark to come to the United States. He hoped that in the U. S. he could get a better paying job. He came to Rockford, Illinois, because he had heard there were quite a few other Swedish people in this area and because of the large amount of work here in furniture and cabinet factories. Shortly after arriving in Rockford he got a job in a furniture factory.

Carl joined many of the Swedish clubs in Rockford. He most active in the Ivrans club and eventually became an officer of the club.

Soon after Carl settled in Rockford some of his cousins came to Rockford also. Some stayed in Rockford but the majority of them moved further north.

ANNA CHRISTINE GUSTAFSON 1880 to 1930

Anna Christine Gustafson was born in Sweden. Anna came to the United States when she was in her early twenties with her six brothers and sisters. She left Sweden because of the depression there. Her parents could not support all the children on what they made but did not want to leave Sweden. Anna and her oldest brother stayed in Boston, Mass., while the others settled out in the Middle-West. In Boston she worked at an old seamen's home which was run by the Salvation Army. Anna was of the Salvation Army faith and very active in the church in Boston. After working a few years in Boston Anna moved to Rockford to join her sister. Anna got a job in a garment factory as a seamstress. Anna and her sister shared a small apartment in downtown Rockford.

CARL & ANNA

While Anna Gustafson was working at the garment factory she met Betty Carlson, Carl E. Carlson's cousin. Betty eventually introduced Anna to Carl. A few years later in 1914 Anna and Carl were married. They moved into a small house on 3rd Avenue. Anna worked up to the time their first child, Harry Carlson was born in 1917. Their daughter, Ethel, was born Oct. 1, 1921.

Anna took the children to the Salvation army church which she was very active in. Carl was Protestant but not an active church goer. Carl continued going to Syran untill he was no longer physically able.

When the children where young Anna's brother, from Boston, came to vist for awhile. Also, after Anna's father died in Sweden her mother came to stay with Anna and Carl. She only stayed about 2 years and then went back to Sweden because she did not like Rockford. While she was here she helped Anna raise the children. Because Anna, Carl, and Anna's mother all talked Swedish the children had trouble in school with their English. Ethel flunked kindergarten because she couldn't speak enough to understand what was going on.

After the birth of Harry, Anna and Carl moved to a much larger house on 9th St. After Anna's mother left to go back to Sweden, Anna and Carl rented the 2nd story of their house out to borders. They had 4 borders at a time. During the depression when the number of hours that Carl worked at Scandia Lumber were cut down, the money he received from the

borders helped out. Also during the depression Harry got a paper route and worked setting up pins in bowling alley. After the depression Carl quit his job at Scandia and got a better paying job at a garment factory. He worked at the garment factory until he retired.

Anna started getting severe headaches in 1928. She was sick until her death in the spring of 1930. In 1929 Carl took her to Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where she had surgery for a brain tumor. The surgery prevented her from going blind but they couldn't do anything else. A few months after Anna's death Carl hired a lady, Iva Flink, to come to the house during the day and straighten up and take care of Ethel and Harry. Iva lived just a few houses away. Iva stayed there until both Harry and Ethel were married. As the children got older she mostly just picked up after the borders. Iva started the children going to Zion Luthern Church just a few blocks away from where they lived.

In 1943 Carl met Mary Bradstien, who was from upper Minnesota. They were married July 3, 1944. Shortly after their marriage Carl retired but still kept on his borders as an extra source of income. Mary died in 1960. Sometime in 1964 a housekeeper moved in to care of Carl and the house because he had suffered a stroke. Carl also stopped renting out the upstairs to borders at this time. Carl suffered a few more strokes before he died Nov. 17, 1966.

HENRY JOHN SANDERS JR. May 27,1919 to Aug 19, 1972

Henry Sanders, Jr. was born in Rockford, Illinois, on May 27, 1919. He spent his entire life, except for when he was in the Navy, in Rockford.

Henry went to Wallstrom Grade School which was only two blocks from where he lived. He then attended Lincoln Junior High one mile from where they lived. Henry went to Rockford Central High but dropped out to get a full-time job. After he got out of the Navy he went back to school and got his diploma.

Henry had a paper route when he young to help his mother out financially. When he quit school he got a job at Rockford Tool & Die (later called Rockford Drop Forge) running a lathe. He remained working there until he was drafted.

Henry attended and was confirmed from Zabor Lutheran church. He was not as active in church as his parents had been.

Henry was drafted in the beginning of 194[illegible]. He served in the Navy in the Pacific. While in the Navy he studied electronics and repaired radios and radar. He was discharged in 194[illegible] after spending a year in the hospitable at Great Lakes Naval Base. He had been injured after falling from the mast of a ship during a storm. He had to have surgery on his back. After returning home he became an active

member of the Navy Club in Rockford.

When Henry lived home, he and his mother usually celebrated holidays alone or with Josephine's relatives.

ETHEL V. CARLSON Oct. 1, 1921 to Aug. 9, 1969

Ethel V. Carlson was born in Rockford, Illinois, on Oct. 1, 1921. She had one brother, Harry, four years older. ~~Her~~ She and her brother were raised by their mother in the Salvation Army faith. Later, after their mother's death, Eva Flink started taking them to Zion Lutheran Church. Ethel became very active in the Luther League at the church and also sang in the choir.

Ethel had polio when she was about ten years old. She had to wear braces for about a year after. Because of the braces she did not participate in much at that time.

When Ethel was going to high school she went to all the basketball games she could. Ethel also went to all the dances in town. Ethel was an average student in school.

Ethel babysat frequently for Mr. & Mrs. Kamer, who were neighbors. She used to make between 25¢ and 75¢ depending upon how long she stayed with the children, usually 2 to 3 hours. Shortly after graduating from high school she got a part-time job at a bakery one block from where she lived.

Although Ethel spent alot of time at home, she was with her friends a great deal. They used to like to go to the drug store to get sodas, go to carnevals, and to dances. They also went to the neighboring communities of Belvidere, Freeport, Byron, Cherry Valley, and Beloit. Ethel also spent a great deal of time listening to the radio. Ethel used to have her

friends over for dinner and to spend the night quite often. She also spent much time at friends' houses.

At times she had arguments with her brother and father and thought about leaving home, but remained there until she was married.

HENRY & ETHEL

Ethel Carlson met Henry Sanders Jr. at a dance on April 5, 1940. They saw each other infrequently for the next few months. They then started seeing each other more often and then started going steady on August 25, 1940. They were engaged on November 20, 1940. They were then married on April 26, 1941. They moved in with Josephine, Henry's mother, at 1711 15th Street. Josephine spent most of her time in the upstairs of the house that she had previously rented out to boarders.

About a month before they were married Henry had received a questionaire from the draft board. He was then drafted 10 months after they were married. After he was drafted, Ethel got a job at Fisher's Autoto Chip Company in Rockford. She remained at the home on 15th Str. with her mother-in-law while Henry was in the Navy. While he was in the Navy, they corresponded frequently. While he was in the hospital at Great Lakes, Ethel visted him as often as possible.

Upon Henry's return to Rockford, he got a job as a mailman. While delivering mail to an orphanage, Henry became attached to young boy living there. Since Ethel had had a few miscarriages and did not think she could have children they decided to adopt the boy, whose name is Richard. Ethel quit work a month before they got him. They brought him home the first of July in 1947, when he was 17 months old.

In 19[illegible] Henry and Ethel added on to their house. They added on two more bedrooms and a larger downstairs bathroom.

In 19[illegible] on November 17, Ethel gave birth to a daughter, who was named Susann Elizabeth. Because Ethel had had so much trouble before she was forced to spend the last six months of this pregnancy in bed.

Because of financial problems Ethel started working again in 19[illegible]. She started out as a clerk at Harry's Hobbies and Toyland and was eventually made a manager of the store. She and her boss became very good friends and she continued to work there until his death. His death affected both Henry and Ethel very much because of the closeness that had developed between them. Harry's wife sold the store shortly after Harry's death. After six months off Ethel started working as a clerk at Bob's Hardware. She worked there about [illegible] years. Ethel then started working part-time as a clerk at Rockville Pharmacy, which was only [illegible] blocks from home. She made $1.60 an hour. She worked there until she was no longer able to.

Henry quit his job as a mailman in 19[illegible]7 and went back to work as a lathe operator at Rockford Drop Forge. He remained there until he was killed on May 19, 19[illegible], in an industrial accident at work. Ethel had died previously on Aug. 9, 19[illegible], after a long battle with cancer.

While Ethel was at work Josephine did much of the housework until she was no longer able. She also helped in the

upbringing of the two children.

Holidays were celebrated with just the immediate family except on Christmas Eve when they usually had close friends over for a smorgasbord.

RICHARD HENRY [illegible] Feb. 7, 1946

Rick was adopted when he was 17 months old.

Like Henry, Rick also attended Ballstron and Lincoln Jr. High. He dropped out of East High when he was 16, while in the 10th grade. He started working as an elevator operator in Hotel Faust in Rockford. He then got a better job at Bob's Hardware where he worked until he was drafted.

While in the United States Army he served in the K-9 patrol in Viet Nam. He was discharged in Sept. of 1967, and returned to Rockford. Since returning from Viet Nam he has had numerous jobs such as; dog trainer, gas light installer, working for a construction company, wood crafts and furniture making, and most recently a glass blower. These jobs have taken him all over the country.

Rick has many interests and some of his hobbies are camping, motorcycling, and traveling.

RIGGS B [illegible] JURGENS Nov. 11, 1973

I, like my father and brother, attended Dallstrom and Lincoln. I graduated from West High School, in June of 1966. I then attended a computer programming school in Rockford.

When I was younger I had many responsibilities around the house because my mother worked and my grandmother was getting to old to do all the work. After my mother got cancer the doctor let her stay home most of the time, so I took care of her until her death shortly after my graduation from high school. By this time my grandmother was quite old and it became necessary for me to take care of her and eventually running the entire household.

I started working at Rockview Pharmacy part-time before my senior year in high school. While working there I met Richard Jurgens. I continued working at Rockview Pharmacy until I graduated from the computer programming school. I then got a job at Commonwealth Edison were I am presently employed.

Rick and I dated on and off for awhile and then started going together more steadily. After knowing each other for 4 years we were married on August 14, 1971. We moved into an apartment on W. State St., which was the apartment that my husband's parents lived in when he was born. Rick graduated from Northern Ill. Univ. this semester with a B.S. in ed. His major was History.

After the death of my father it was again necessary for me to take over the responsibilities of my grandmother, Josephine Sanders. Between caring for my grandmother and being the

administrator of my dad's estate, the responsibilities to my family have become greater than ever.

My grandfather Sanders had started a stamp collection when he was young, which my father continued to build. My husband and I now own this collection and have become very interested in stamp collecting and plan to continue to build the collection. We have stamps dating back to 1910.

Some of our other interests are photography, music, reading, and horticulture. We became interested in photography shortly after getting married, and since that time we have built a darkroom. We hope someday to do freelance photography as a second occupation.

Holidays are usually celebrated with Dick's parents.

We were married at Faber Lutheran Church of which we are both members. We do not presently attend church.

I very seldom see my brother because he is very seldom in Rockford.

KECKLER, CHRIS SAMUEL, 1954-

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MILY DATA

Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Morris R. Keeslin Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 4-29-1958

Place of birth Gettysburg, PA. Date of Birth 10-15-1873

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Farmer Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Oregon, Ill date 1-8-1902

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Hattie C. Cron Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 12-23-1918

Place of birth Franklin Grove, Ill. Date of birth 2-2, 1883

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Oregon, Ill DATE 1-8-1902

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

andfather (your mother's side)

me Hannibal E. Moore Current Residence _____
dead, date of death 2-25-65

ace of birth Waynesville, N. C. Date of birth 8-22-1883
ucation (number of years):
rade school 3 or 4 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

cupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

: Farmer Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

d Painter Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

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h _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

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litical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____
~~Woodmen of the World~~

ace of marriage to your grandmother ~~Canton, North Carolina~~ date ~~12-6-1904~~
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give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

andmother (your mother's side)

me Julia E. M. Noland Current Residence _____
dead, date of death 11-1-62

ace of birth Canton, N. C. Date of birth 10-16-1884
ucation (number of years)
rade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

cupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

: Teacher Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

d Housewife Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

d _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

ligion Methodist
litical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

ace of marriage to your grandfather Canton, N. C. date 12-6-1904
te: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
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PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

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3rd _____ Dat

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Irene Elva Rogger
Place of birth _____ date June 12, 1903
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford Marital Status Married
Number of children 5 d. Jan 15, 1964

Name Charles Eugene
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ d. In Infancy

Name Ella Gertrude Walker
Place of birth _____ date June 10, 1904
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status Married
Number of children 13

Name John Alvin Keckler
Place of birth _____ date Dec 18, 1907
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation Retired - Machinist
Residence Rockford Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

Name Catherine Lucille Black
Place of birth _____ date Sept 13, 1909
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation Housewife
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 5

Name George Robert Keckler
Place of birth _____ date May 3, 1911
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence Marion, Ohio Marital Status Married
Number of children 4 d.

Name Helen May Buber
Place of birth _____ date Mar 15, 1913
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation Nurse
Residence Lake Bluff, Ill Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

Name Frances Rosa Banks
Place of birth _____ date Nov 4, 1914
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation Housewife
Residence Oregon, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children None

Name Clarence Samuel Keckler
Place of birth Oregon, Illinois date April 1, 1916
Number of years of schooling 8 years Occupation Machinist
Residence Rockford Marital Status Married
Number of children 2 d. August 26, 1962.

Name Edith Marie Keckler
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ d. Mar 25, 1918
In Infancy

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Nina Mae Massey Calsora
Place of birth [illegible] date 12-25-1905
Number of years of schooling Completed H.S. Occupation Housewife
Residence Cooper, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 2

2. Name Floyd Massey
Place of birth date August 1, 1907 death Dec. 18, 1970
Number of years of schooling Junior yr. H.S. Occupation Fireman
Residence Lake Dawson City, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 4 3

3. Name Ora Mae Massey Davis
Place of birth date Nov. 11, 1911
Number of years of schooling Occupation Housewife
Residence Mount Morris, Illinois Marital Status married - Widowed
Number of children None

4. Name Claude Massey
Place of birth date Dec. 19, 1912
Number of years of schooling Completed H.S. Occupation Grocery
Residence Mount Morris, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

5. Name Georgia Mae Massey Olson
Place of birth date April 3, 1914
Number of years of schooling Completed H.S. Occupation Housewife
Residence Mount Morris, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

6. Name Willie Lee Massey
Place of birth Haywood County, N.C. date April 4, 1916
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children d. June 15, 1916

7. Name Jessie Lee Massey
Place of birth Haywood County N.C. date April 4, 1916
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children d. April 26, 1916

8. Name Edna Mae Massey Keebler
Place of birth Mount Morris, Illinois date March 28, 1921
Number of years of schooling Occupation Secretary
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married - Widow
Number of children 2

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

our Father

ame Clarence Samuel Keebler Current Residence _____
f dead, date of death Aug. 26, 1962

lace of birth Oregon, Illinois Date of birth April 1, 1916
ducation (number of years)
grade school 6 years high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

ccupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

st Machinist Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____
d _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____
rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

eligion Methodist

olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Moose, American Legion, V.F.W.

ace of marriage to your mother Mount Morris, Illinois date Oct 16, 1948

OTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

our Mother

me Edna May Moore Keebler Current Residence Rockford, Ill.
dead, date of death _____

ace of birth Mount Morris, Ill. Date of birth March 18, 1921
ducation (number of years)
grade school _____ high school Completed vocational 2 yrs college _____

cupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

t Housewife Dates 1948 1st _____ Dates _____
d Secretarial Dates 1941 2nd _____ Dates _____
rd 1 yr. Dates 1941 - to present 3rd _____ Dates _____

eligion Methodist

olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Moose

ace of marriage to your father Mount Morris, Illinois date Oct 16, 1948

OTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

LDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

me Chris Samuel Keckler
ce of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth March 22, 1954
mber of years of schooling 2nd year college Occupation
sidence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
mber of children

me Jodie Elizabeth Keckler
ce of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth July 20, 1957
mber of years of schooling Junior-High School Occupation
sidence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
mber of children

me
ce of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

me
ce of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
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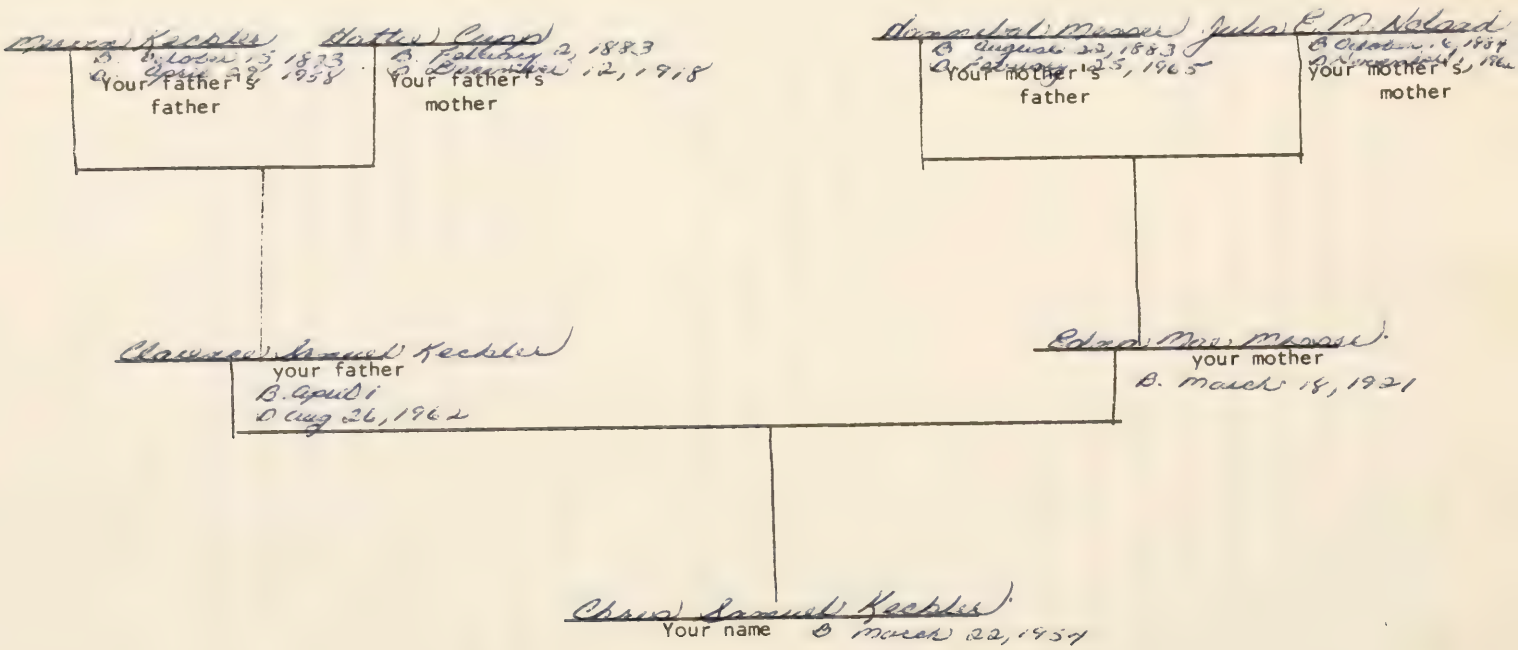
Signed Chris S. Keckler

Date May 6, 1979

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



Ancestral glory is, as it were, a lamp to posterity.

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Each individual should feel that he can make some worthwhile contribution to the world and to the society in which he lives because of the army of ancestors who have preceded him. In every family there are many in this army who have pushed ahead to new frontiers and to notable accomplishment in different areas of life. Knowing this, each individual should step out fearlessly in his chosen field feeling confident that this inheritance will give him strength to achieve his best, and that he is capable-within his area-of doing as well as anyone.

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A lineage is the outline of one's descent; as far as known, without the story of each generationa nd of each individual. It is the skeleton, without the flesh but, but just as much can be learned from a study of a skeleton, much of a family history becomes apparent from the study of a lineage.

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It may seem strange to find the data from some more remote generations to be more complete than is that of earlier generations. This is often the case when descent traces to English families. The pedigrees of many English families entitled to bear heraldic arms can be traced back many generations due to the Visitation records. The College of Hearalds for a great many years made periodic visits to the different counties to check on the right to bear arms and the lines of descent in those families are recorded for a great many generations in more or less detail.

1. Keckler

2. Fraternal Grandfather: Mervin Abraham Keckler

3. Born: October 15, 1873 in Gettyburg, Pennsylvania. Married Hattie Catharine Cupp born in Franklin Grove, Illinois.

4. Died: April 29, 1958 in Oregon, Illinois.

5. Occupation: Farmer.

6. Children: Ten

   a. Irene Elva Rager - born June 17, 1903 - died January 15, 1964

   b. Charles Eugene - died in infancy

   c. Ella Getrude Walker - born June 19, 1904

   d. John Alvin - born December 18, 1907

   e. Catherine Lucille Black - born September 13, 1909

   f. George Robert - born May 3, 1911

   g. Helen May Baker - born November 4, 1914

   h. Francies Leora Bowls - born March 15, 1913

* i. Clarence Samuel - born April 1, 1916 - died August 26, 1962

   j. Edith Marie -died March 25, 1918

7. Hattie Catharine Cupp - Wife of Mervin Abraham Keckler

   Born: Febuary 2, 1883 in Franklin Grove, Illinois

   Died: December 23, 1918 in Oregon, Illinois

   Married: January 8, 1902 in Oregon, Illinois

   Hattie Catharine Cupp parents are: John Cupp and Savilla Miller

* means my father

1. Keckler

2. Great Great Grandfather: David Keckler

3. Born: April 18, 1811. Married Jane Brady

4. Children: Nine

   a. Abraham - born March 5, 1837 died April 9, 1911

   b. Christian - born 1835

   c. Mary Anna - born 1840

   d. Samuel - born 1841 died in Civil War

   e. Nancy - born 1844

   f. Magdalena - born 1847

   g. Sarah Ellen - born May 17, 1849 died June 8, 1869

   h. Susan Elizabeth - born 1851 died 1861

   i. David Alexander - born May , 1853

5. Jane Brady - Wife of David Keckler

   Born: July 2, 1813

   Died: Sept 4, 1870

1. Messer

2. Grandfather: Hannibal France Messer

3. Born: August 22, 1883 in Waynesville, North Carolina.
   Married Julia Elizabeth Melvina Noland in Canton, North Carolina

4. Died: Febuary 25, 1965

5. Burial: Oak Wood Cemetary, Mount Morris, Illinoia Mausolum

6. Education: Fourth Grade Education

7. Occupation: Farmer, Capenter and Printing

8. Religion: Methodist

9. Children: Eight

   a. Nina - born December 25, 1905

   b. Floyd - born August 1, 1907 - died December 18, 1970

   c. Ava Messer Harris - born November 11, 1911

   d. Claude Messer - born Deacember 19, 1912

   e. Georgia Messer Olsen - born April 3, 1914

   f. Willie Glee Messer - born April 4, 1916 died April 26, 1916

   g. Jessie Lee Messer - born April 4, 1916 died June 15, 1916

* h. Edna Mae Messer Keckler - Born March 18, 1921

* means my mother

1. Noland

2. John Noland

3. Born: 1820 - 1825. Married Melvina Wood Noland

4. Children: Two

   a. Ted

   b. Sarah

5. Son of Peter Noland - Born 1780

6. Melvina Wood Noland - Wife of John Noland

   Died: December 2, 1921

1. Noland

2. Jess Noland

3. Born: December 15, 1857. Married Charity Cordelia Wood Noland

4. Died: November 15, 1936

5. Burial: Panther Creek, North Carolina

6. Place of Residence: Fines Creek, North Carolina

7. Church Affliation: Baptist

8. Occupation: Farmer, Live Stock Dealer, Trade Real Estate

9. Children: Eight

   a. John - born 1882 married Maida - children Helma, J.c., Nuey

   b. Julia E. Melvina - born October 16, 1884 married Hannibal Kaser

   c. Grover Cleveland - married Ida G. Noland he died June 9, 1935 children are - Cecil, Robert Lee. Edna Clare. Ida G. Noland died December 10, 1945

   d. Georgia - married Luke Greory she died July 11, 1935 children Lucy Kate Earnest DeWitt

   e. Necia Lou - married Noah Greergy she died December 15, 1931 child Lou, Gilbert, Alline

   f. Gussie August married Taylor J. Melford - she was born May 21, 1886 - he was born September 11, 1875 died July 11, 1959 Married in Waynesville, North Carolina - No children

   g. Vergia married Howard Burris - she was born 1899 - 1900 children - Hellen, Howard (a druggist)

h. Homer - born 1900 - 1902 World War I Disappeared

Jess Noland and Charity were Double First Cousins

1. Messer

2. Great Grandfather: Lawson Messer

3. Born: Febuary 2, 1937. Married Avaline Smith in 1859-60.

4. Died: June 4, 1930 in Clyde, North Carolina Regment

5. Burial: White Oak Cemetary, North Carolina

6. Religion: Methodist

7. Children: Ten

   a. Catherine

   b. Henry

   C. William

   d. George - children

   e. Vance

   f. Thomas

   g. Charlie

   h. Hannibil

   i. Abiligal

   j. Elizabeth

8. Avaline Smith - Wife of Lawson Messer

   Born: January 20, 1839

   Died: Febuary 8, 1917 in Haywood County

9. Place of Residence: Crabtree - Cove Creek

1. Messer

2. Charlie Messer (Harrison)

3. His Father - Lawson Messer

4. His Mother - Avalene Smith Messer

5. Married: Sara (Salley) Catherine Lee

6. Her Father - John Lee

7. Her Mother - Jane Field

8. Children - Twelve

   a. James Lawson - Melley McElroy -- James Lawson born May 7, 1898

   b. William Hannibal - Nora Haney

   c. (Blanch) Avaline Jane - Jarris Morrow

   d. Maggie Ellen - Hobart Grasty

   e. Annie May - Deceased

   f. Bennie French - paul Plemons

   g. Hanson Dock - Lucille Pulman

   h. Lela - Deceased

   i. Alice Roberta - Donald Pulman

   j. Maisie Jeanette - Gorden Shipman

   k. (Jack) Charles Latter

   l. Lewis Harden - Catherine Worley

1. Messer

2. Bill Messer (William)

3. Wife - Margaret Clark

4. Children - Eleven

   a. Anna

   b. Fannie

   c. Bertha

   d. Oliver

   e. Walter

   f. Ethel

   g. Ferguson

   h. Roy

   i. Lizzie

   j. Spade

   k. Zinna - married Lawernce Long

5. Bill Messer - father Lawson Messer

6. Bill Messer - mother Avaline Smith Messer

1. Messer

2. Thomas Patton Messer

3. Born: Febuary 18, 1811. Married Lura Sereptha Snelsen on December 20, 1891

4. Died: November 1, 1958

5. Place of Residence: White Oak - Hazelwood

6. Children: Six

   a. Joseph Mackinell - born July 14, 1892

   b. Jess Hanibal - born October 1, 1894 died January 1918

   c. Homer Henry - born March 4, 1898 married September 17. 1921

   d. Eleanor Elizabeth - born March 3, 1901 married May 3, 1958

   e. Lawson Brown - born April 17, 1903

   f. Ocig Avaline - born July 9, 1911 died July 11, 1930

7. Lura Sereptha Snrlsen - Wife of Thomas Patton Messer

   Born: December 23, 1869

   Died: September 14, 1953

   Burial: Hillcrest - Waynesville, North Carolina

   Parents are father - Joseph Young Snelsen
   mother - Elizabeth Frusber

1. Messer

2. Great Great Grandfather: John Messer

3. Born: July 10, 1811. Married Hester Lowe

4. Died: 1928

5. Place of Residence: Live White Oak Township

   Civil War Vet,

6. Children: Nine

   a. Lewson

   b. Bill

   c. Patton

   d. Sallie

   e. Elizabeth

   f. Lucinda

   g. James

   h. Rachel

   i. Name (Yarbourgh)

7. Hester Lowe Messer - Wife of John Messer

   Born: 1883

   Died: 1938

1. Messer

2. Great Great Great Grandfather: Christian Sargent Messer

3. Born: 1761 Approx. Orange County, North Carolina

   Revolutionary Soldier

4. Died: 1850

5. Place of Residence: Panther Creek, North Carolina

6. Children: Three

   a. Fred (Fed)

   b. Dave

   c. John

7. Unknown name for wife of Christian Sargent Messer

   Date Married 1782 -83 Orange County

1. Messer

2. Uncle Fred (Fed) Messer

3. Born: 1791

4. Died: 1907

5. Married Anna Hunter

6. Born: August 2, 1815

7. Died: January 26, 1894

1. Messer

2. Great Great Great Great Grandfather: Captian Messer

3. Born: In Orange County - Regulator Movement

4. Died: June 19, 1771

5. More on Captain Messer in the article "THE MESSER FAMILY"

1. Smith

2. John Smith

3. Wife Unknown

4. Children: Ten

a. Witen (Son) Living in Waynesville, North Carolina in 1970 probably about 75.

b. Lewing

c. Jim Wyatt--Female

d. Avaline

e. Betty Smith - Bill O. Messer

f. Cling — Are Making Good -

g. John — There Sons new community

h. Bud — leaders

i. Henry - Henry John and other Brothers went to Ashville -

j. Susan Smith Bramlett----Mrs. John---John father was a Presby. Minister

1. McElroy

2. Henry McElroy

3. His father - Johnson McElroy

4. His mother - Lydia Medford McElroy

5. Catherine Messer - Wife of Henry McElroy

6. Born: Febuary 28, 1888

7. Died Antrock, North Carolina April 1965

Places of Residence: Iron Duff, North Carolina

8. Children: Five

   a. Lydia - Robert Lee James

   b. Ninnie - Colbert Crawford

   c. Lawson - Dare Crawford

   d. Mozelle - West Millner

   e. De Voe - Glee Justice

"THE MESSER FAMILY"

For an accurate and complete story of the Messer genealogy, the annalist would have to start with the Battle of Alamance, although tradition might point the way to fields far back of that date. Well authoritative history, however, stages a dramatic incident as one of a series of climaxes following the battle in which three of the Messers were star actors (Captain, wife and son.)

It was the day following the encounter on Alamance creek that the event as related by three historians occurred. Wheeler's "Annals of North Carolina," Fitch's "Some Neglected Hits of American History" and Caruthers' "Life of David Caldwell" all give substantially the same account of the story. As to the absolute truths of the tragic incident, there can be no question.

In the Battle of Alamance, which some writers claim to have been the first armed conflict of the Revolutionary War, although it occurred four years before the war actually began according to the historians of that period, the Regulators were defeated and their command dispersed. Captian Messer, one of the leaders of the Regulators, was taken prisoner and brought before Tryon, the British Governor, and, without a trial, condemned to death, which was to be carried out the next day by hanging. Captain Messers' wife heard of the tryannical action of Tryon in a few hours and hastened during the night with her

young son, just ten years old, to the camp of the British, reach[illegible] there early in the morning.

The following account was taken from Caruthers' "Life of Caldwell."

"Being an influential man in his neighborhood, and having taken a very active part, he (Capitain Messer) was to have been hanged the next day after the battle; but owing to a very affecting incident which occurred, he was reserved for the grand fete at Hillsboro. His wife having hear in the course of the night of what was to take place went in the morning to see the last of her husband, taking along with her their oldest son, an uncommonly smart and pretty child about ten years old. She was lying on the ground, he face covered with her hands and her boy weeping over her, while the preparation was making for his execution; but when the fatal moment had arrived, as he thought, the child stepped up to Tryon and asked him to hang him and let his father live. Tryon wished to know who had instructed him to do so. "Nobody,' was the reply. "What is your reson for making this offer?" "Because if you hang my father, my mother will die, and the children will perish," said the boy. This request was made with such simplicity and earnestness that it touched the governor's feelings; and he told him that his father should not die that day."

But the promise to the boy was only a respite, for the sequel shows that Captain Messer was executed along with a number of others on June 19, 1771, only about a month after the incident told in the preceding paragraph. Direct traditonal information is that this Captain Messer, his given name was not known, was the father of Christain Messer,

who came to the Dutch Cove section of Haywood County in 1796 and made his home, and that Christian Messer himself was the boy who begged for the life of his father on the battlefield of Alamance on May 17, 1771. Mrs. Messer and her other children fade out of view and nothing is known of what became of her or of the other members of the family. The tragedy of her husband's death and the heroism of her oldest son stand out as the starting points of a family's career.

Records in the office of the North Carolina Historical Commission show definitely that Christain Messer was a Revolutionary soldier, and it is sure that he proved to be a good one, that he fought bravely on many battlefields of the Revolution with always the thought in his mind that his every thrust at the enemy was a stroke of revenge for the ignominious death of his father.

Christian Sargent Messer was twenty-one years old at the close of the Revolutionary War. He had become a seasoned soldier during the three or four years that he had shouldered arms in behalf of American Independence. It is quite sure that he returned, after the war, to the old home place in Orange County, married, and settled down to assist in the development of the country he had fought to free from the oppressor. Whom he married is unknown.

Prior to his coming to Haywood County, or what is now Haywood County, to live, Christain Messer had moved from Orange County to Burke, but the exact location has not been determined. He purchased from the state a tract of land, of which there is record, but the location of that is lost in obscurity. It is certain, however, that he came to what is now Haywood County in 1796 and settled in the Dutch Cove section, where he lived for

some years. It is not known how much family he had at the time he came, but it is known that one son, Fred, or "Fed" as he is best known, was with him, for Fred, who died in 1907, told many people now living that he remembers coming here and passing through Ashville and being bitten by a dog there.

Between Captain Messer, who lost his life in the Regulator movement in 1771, and the Messers who are living now (1935), the link is quite plain. Two persons only had a part in bringing first hand information, Christian Sargent Messer, who had a tragic reason for remembering that fatal time, and Fred or "Fed" who lived until 1907.

It is probable that Christian Messer did not tarry long in Dutch Cove, for the home place of the first one of the family to come to this part of the State was near the mouth of Panther Creek in what is now Fines Creek township. There is built a home and reared a large family. Several of his sons moved to Texas and Arkansas. One went to Tennessee to live. Three, Fred, John and David remained in Haywood County. Christian Messer died in 1850 in the ninetith year of his age.

"Fed" Messer, the oldest child of Christian Messer, was five years old when he came with his father to the Dutch Cove section of Haywood County. He remembered the trip from their former home in Burke County, and said that as they were passing through the town of Ashville in 1796 he was bitten by a dog, an incident that would naturally make an impression upon a boy of that age. He remembered also their breaking up in Dutch Cove and moving to the mouth of Panther Creek. He grew to manhood in the latter place, but later married and moved to White Oak township where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1907

at the age of 117. The following sketch of him was written by John Parris, Jr.: "one of the most interesting stories I have ever heard was about Uncle Fred, or "Fed", Messer of Haywood County. It is said that he 114 years of age when he passed away. The life of this man would fill a book. Uncle Fed was one of those typical mountaineers that are fast passing from our Carolina Mountains. He lived 22 miles from Waynesville near the Pigeon river. His home was typical of the early settlers, a tumble down log cabin with a roof of split boards, and the floors heavy and loose planks.

"When he passed his first vote, it was for James Monroe, and he had a fight at the polls with dome fellows because he was a free holder."

"Uncle Fed, it is said, never used tobacco until he was grown, and he used it then to stop the toothache. He was asked if he used intoxicating liquors. He replied that he had been taking a little snip before breakfast for ninety odd years.

"When anyone went to see Uncle Fed, he would be found with his shirt open to his waist. There were only two times, so Uncle Fed said, in his life that he buttoned his shirt. The first one was when he got married. But just as soon as the ceremony was over he yanked his shirt open. The other time was when he was about fifty years old on the cold Saturday. Uncle Fed said that if you threw up a glass of water it would be ice before it hit the ground. (Nina Messer Vetrono-my mother's sister) said that she could remember Uncle Fed. She talked about how he was supposed to have swum across Pigeon River on his 100th birthday.

"Uncle Fed could neither read or write, yet his knowledge of the Bible was astonishing.

The people of Waynesville like Uncle Fed. They saw him on his twice a year visits. Every six months, he walked to town, taking two days for the round trip. In his last years, it took him three days to make the trip. Once while he was in Waynesville, he was invited to the home of a prominent physican for dinner. They had ice cream for dessert. It was the first Uncle Fed had ever seen. He was carried off with it. He told his hostess the next time he came to visit them he wanted the cold stuff first.

"There seems no doubt about the age of Uncle Fed. The clerk of the court of Haywood County has an authentic record of his age. When Uncle Fed passed away, his mind was sound and quick; but his eyesight was failing.

"So ends the story of Uncle Fed Messer, a typical mountaineer of the North Carolina mountains, who passed away at the age of 114.

Whether or not the above story does justice to Fed Messer, it is quite true that he was a man that was known and respected throughout the county. His advanced age gave him prestige. He was much sought after in his last years for the information that he could give regarding the times long past. He lived through more than three generations and what a diary his would be if he had kept one.

KEESY, FREDERICK WILLIAM, 1954-

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1. Your name Frederick William Keesy
   Date of form May 6, 1974

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   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ____ Before 1750 ____ 1750-1800 ____ 1800-1850
   ____ 1850-1900 ____ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ____ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ____ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
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   ____ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) x East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   x Pacific (Cal., Wash) ____ (Hawaii, Alaska)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   x Farming ____ Mining x Shopkeeping or small business
   ____ Transportation ____ Big Business ____ Manufacturing
   x Professions ____ Industrial labor x Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   x Roman Catholic ____ Jewish x Presbyterian x Methodist
   ____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ____ Lutheran
   ____ Quaker ____ Mormon ____ Other Protestant ____ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ____ Blacks ____ Indians ____ Mexicans ____ Puerto Ricans
   ____ Jews x Central Europeans x Italians ____ Slavs
   x Irish x British x Native Americans over several generations
   ____ East Asian ____ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   x Interviews with other family members x Family Bibles ____ Family Genealogies
   x Vital Records ____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
   ____ Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Thomas Franklin Keesy Current Residence
If dead, date of death 1935

Place of birth Willard, Ohio Date of Birth 1870

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Painter	Dates 1890-1905	1st Bucyrus, Ohio	Dates 1890-1935
2nd Store owner	Dates 1905-1935	2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion United Brethren (Methodist)

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican
Loyal Order of Moose

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Bucyrus, Ohio date 1889

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Etta Robinson Current Residence
If dead, date of death 1955

Place of birth Willard, Ohio Date of birth 1872

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates	1st	Dates
2nd	Dates	2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion United Brethren

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican
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Place of marriage to your grandfather Bucyrus DATE 1889

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date ___

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ D

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Da

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Da

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name ~~Alta Wetter~~ Fred Leuthold Current Residence

If dead, date of death 1967

Place of birth Dubuque, Iowa Date of birth 1886

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Telegrapher Dates 1901-1903 1st Dates

2nd Estimator Dates 1903-1945 2nd Dates

3rd Chemist Dates 1945-1967 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Presbyterian

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican Masonic Order

Place of marriage to your grandmother Dubuque, Iowa date 1914

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Alta Wetter Current Residence

If dead, date of death 1969

Place of birth Dubuque, Iowa Date of birth 1888

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates 1st Dates

2nd Dates 2nd Dates

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Presbyterian

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican Church School Groups

Place of marriage to your grandfather Dubuque date 1914

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Date

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Date

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Hazel Francis
Place of birth Bucyrus date 1890
Number of years of schooling College Occupation Teacher.
Residence Bucyrus Marital Status Married
Number of children none

Name Boyd Benjamin
Place of birth Bucyrus date 1906
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Sales Manager
Residence Ohio, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 8

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Carl
Place of birth Dubuque date 1915
Number of years of schooling 21 Occupation Psychologist
Residence Wisconsin Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

2. Name Violet
Place of birth Dubuque date 1917
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation Teacher
Residence Illinois Marital Status Widowed
Number of children 4

3. Name Marian
Place of birth Dubuque date 1919
Number of years of schooling 17 Occupation Teacher
Residence Dubuque, Iowa Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

4. Name Marjorie
Place of birth Dubuque date 1920
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Secretarie
Residence California Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

5. Name Ruth
Place of birth Dubuque date 1921
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Housewife
Residence Iowa Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

6. Name John
Place of birth Dubuque date 1924
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation Photographer
Residence Oregon Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

7. Name Rosemary
Place of birth Dubuque date 1927
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Bankteller
Residence Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 0

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

ur Father

me Boyd Benjaman Keesy Current Residence

dead, date of death 1961

ace of birth Bucyrus, Ohio Date of birth 1906

ucation (number of years)

rade school 8 high school 4 vocational 1 college

cupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

t Sales Manager Dates 1926-1946 1st Illinois Dates

d Restaurant Manager Dates 1946-1954 2nd Dates

d Sales Manager Dates 1954-1961 3rd Dates

h Dates 4th Dates

ligion United Br ethren (Methodist)

litical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican
Loyal Order of Moose

ace of marriage to your mother Atlanta, Georgia date 1942

TE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

ur Mother

me Violet Lorette Leuthold Current Residence Illinois

dead, date of death

ace of birth Dubuque, Iowa Date of birth 1917

ucation (number of years)

rade school 8 high school 4 vocational college 4

cupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

t Teacher Dates 1964- ? 1st Illinois Dates

d Dates 2nd Dates

d Dates 3rd Dates

ligion Methodist

litical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Independent
Gamma Phi Delta, BPW National Education Association

ace of marriage to your father Georgia date 1942

TE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

ILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

me Frederick William
ace of birth Illinois Date of birth 1954
mber of years of schooling In College Occupation Student
sidence Illinois Marital Status
mber of children

me Janice Etta
ace of birth Illinois Date of birth 1956
mber of years of schooling In College Occupation Student
sidence Illinois Marital Status
mber of children

me June Alta Garland
ace of birth Illinois Date of birth 1957
mber of years of schooling In H.S. Occupation Student
sidence Illinois Marital Status
mber of children

me Joyce Anne
ace of birth Illinois Date of birth 1959
mber of years of schooling In H.S. Occupation Student
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

me
ace of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

me
ace of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

me
ace of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

me
ace of birth Date of birth
mber of years of schooling Occupation
sidence Marital Status
mber of children

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I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Fred Kelly

Date May 22, 1974

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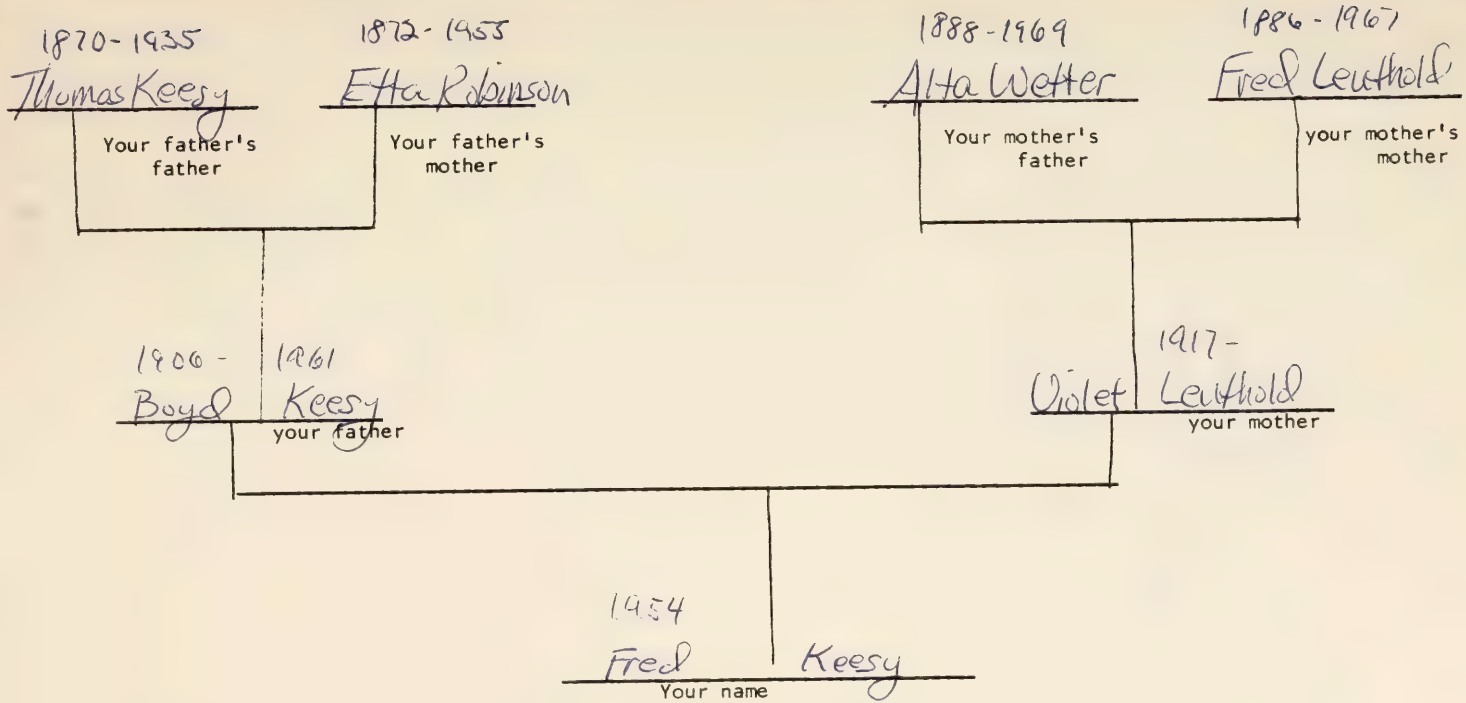
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



SOURCES

1. Keesy family Bible
2. War as Viewed from the Banks, by W. A. Keesy
3. C. Gene Keesy
4. Marian Alba (an aunt)
5. Ruth Blewett (an aunt)

I consider my family on both sides of my parents to be a typical American family. On one side, my father's, the tree stretches back to pre-revolutionary times. As for my mothers side her grandmother and grandfather came from Switzerland. There have been soldiers, doctors, store-keepers, even ministers. Really, nothing out of the ordinary, everything typically American.

On my father's side there is a very long tree, but because he and most of his relations have passed away, little is known about them. There is, however, a book, written by my great-grand uncle, W. Allen Keesy, that holds a brief description of the Keesy family up to the time of the Civil War. The book concernes his activities in the war, and makes for very exciting reading. The following is a quote from the book:

The author of this work is the son of John Keesy, (Geesy) a pioneer of Richmond township, Huron county, Ohio. Henry Keesy wasa resident of Lancaster and Dauphin counties in one of which John was born in 1804. Henry's father was a Revolutionary War soldier and it is said that Henry was in the War of 1812. John, (born in 1804) the son of Henry, was married to Elizabeth Jones, (born in 1808) in 1828. To them were born;

John B., January 16th, 1829.
Margaret, March 13th, 1833.
Peter S. P., May 17th, 1835. Died November 15th 1892

Noah Wiley, February 5th, 1838
Catherine, August 9th, 1840.
William Allen, Julyy, 25th, 1843.
Mary Ann, July 11th, 1846.
George Washington, June 24th, 1848
Sarah Elizabeth, March 5th, 1852.

The parents of these children were struggling with the very few pioneer settlers of Richmond township to brush away the forests where they had moved and sought to make a home, when in 1843, onthe 25th of July, William Allen (the author) was born.

The advantages of childhood and facilities for mental, moral and social culture were very limited in that communityin those days. Hard work in the woods and the farm, with little schooling, was the common lot of the children then. On the 18th of January, 1859, when our subject was but 15 years of age, His father died. At the age of 18 he enlisted in the army and after the war, in 1868, on the 7th day of July, he was married to that most estmable lady, Miss Maggie J. Lane. There were three children born to them;

Minerva, April 13th, 1869
Mary, February 19th, 1871
Maggie L., September 22nd, 1873.

This devoted wife and died September 24th, 1873, in Shelby, Ohio.

Mr. Keesy was again married to Miss Hattie Augusta Charles, (born Sep. 14th, 1856) on February 9th, 1875.

To them were born;

Flora, November 17th, 1876.
Oge Cle, October 5th, 1878.
Vesta Leona, February 12th, 1881
Edith and Ethel-twins, August 16th, 1883
Leon Castle, November 9th, 1888.
Fern, February 23rd, 1891
Helen, August 9th, 1896
Robert Ivan, June 23rd, 1898

Elizabeth Kessy, the mother of our subject, died in September, 1875.

After the war Mr. Keesy entered the Ministeryaand was admitted into theSandusky Annual Church Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He has successfully and successively served the following charges: Huron Mission, Honey Creek, Shelby, Richland,. He founded and built the U. B. church at Chicago, O., Ceela, Fostoria, Clyde, Attica, Bascom, Helena, Burgoon and Bucyrus. He located and purchased the site for the U. B. church at Gibsonberg and he traveled the district as Presiding Elder for ten years. He is the author of a little work entitled "Jesus Paid it All", which had a rapid sale and was the means of much good.

He is now the chaplain of his old regiment, the 55th, and the boys hail him with good cheer at all there reunions. He is very sensitive of the fact that many of his comrades have far, very far, more brilliant army records, but he knowns also that he cannot give a correct account for others and therefore deals exclusively, but truthfully, with his own. Not desiring to rob a single comrade of any of the well earned honored belonging to him, but to assist in telling

the story of the war as to incomin people know what the soldier of the Civil War did for them. The Lord helpsus to appreciate what it meant to save the Union! Did its salvation justify the awful cost? If so, give the Patriotic soldier honor for his part in the story drama.

To a major extent, this is all I know of the Keesy family in the 1700's and 1800's.

My grandfather on my father's side was Thomas Benjamin Franklin Keesy,, who was the son of Peter Benjamin Franklin Keesy and Rebecca Anne Richard. He was born in a small town in northern Ohio called Willard. At the age of twenty he moved to Bucyrus, a small town 30 miles away. It was here he met Etta Robinson, the girl who was to become his wife. Thomas was a painter untilabout 1905, when aquired a small general store. It was the the store which was his livlihood until his death in 1935.

BenjaEttaRobbinsonn, my grandmother, was the daughter of Benjamin Robinson and Luana Chapman, both of whom had direct deondents from England. They also had a son, William, after whom I was given my middle name. Etta was born in Willard and later moved to Bucyrus where she met Thomas. She became very active in the W.C.T.U. (Womans Christian Temperance Union) Etta was president of the local chapter and it was largely through the efforts of this national orginisation that prohibition was achieved in the twenties'.

Etta and Thomas met under unknown circumstances (to me) in Bucyrus Ohio and were Married in 1889 . It wa while Thomas was employed as a painter tht their first child was born. It was a girlaand she was christianed Hazel A few years later twins were born to Etta, but they died when they were only a few days old. Etta was then told by her doctor that she could no longer have children, so she fostered an orphan child named Clinton Keefer. It was when Clinton was nine years old that Boyd, my father, was born, much to the surprise of Etta and Thomas. The children all grew up in Buc yrus and only Boyd left as an adult. Clinton married and moved back to Willard, where he is still living in retirement. Hazel went to college and became a school teeher. She stayed single and lived at home until she married Cloyd Wilhelm. They lived in Ettas house and she moved to Chicago to be with my fa ther. After my father's marriage to my mother they moved ~~back~~ to Rock ~~Illinois~~ Island, Illinois. About three years later he moved back to Bucyrus and lived there with Hazel until her death in 1955.

The~~re~~ American tree on my mo her's side of the family is considerably shorter thanmy father's. Both of my mother's parents were born in the U.S., but my mother's paternal grandparents were born in Switzerland. They both came over from Switzerland when they were about 16 and moved to Dubuque, Iowa
Iowa, event they had never met. They finally did Meet however and were married about 1880. ~~They finally did meet, howe~~ To them two children were born, Frederick John (my grandfather) and Anna.

Frederick, who was born on April 11, 1886, grew up in

Dubuque and atthe age of 14 became a telegra pher for the railroad. He worked at this for approxiamately three years and he became an estimator for a large mill work. It was While he was employed as an estimator that he met his future wife.

Alta was born on February [illegible], 1[illegible], and raised on farm near Dubuque. Fred met her through a friend and began to spend alot of time on the farm

My mother's maternal grandparents were both born in the U.S. Thier were Louis Ludwig Wetter and Anna Margaret Beal. Lois was a farmer who took care of 960 acres, which was considered very large in those days. He was killed in 1979 on the farm by a falling tree. Louis and Anna had six children who were Alta, my grandmother, Ralph, Melinda, Henry, Carl, and Edna. All of the Children were born and raised on the farm . The childrens greatgrand parents were born in Germany and came to America in the early 1800's

Fred and Alta were married in 1914 and had seven children of whom my mother was the second eldest. The were Carl, Violet, my mother, Marian, Marjorie, Ruth, John, Rosemary, All of the children were brought up during the depression, and so they were used to doing ~~and~~ without and made the most of the little things suchas going on picnics, visiting relatives, and just talking around the dinner table. Fred was fortunate in that he was one of the few that were continually employed during the entire depression. The family enjoyed

going on picnics and made a habit of going on one at least once during every month of the year. My mother remembers following a snowplow out of town in the car and then eating off the running boards when they arrived. In 1923 the family got thier first radio, but not from the store. Fred, having a good knowledge of electronics, built a radio from scratch, constructing all the components except for the tubes.

Carl, the eldest, was born in 1915. After high school he went to college and acquired his masters in biology. Upon graduation from college, he enlisted in the army and ~~sw~~ was given an officers commission. He was shipped overseas and served in Africa and Italy during the war. In 1947 he left the army and returned to the states, where he continued in school and earned a masters in psychology. He married and is currently living in Tomah, Wisconsin.

Marian, born in 1919, went to college also, and became a teacher. She soon was married, however, and gave birth to four children - three girls and a boy. She was married in Dubuque and has never lived anywhere else. Our two families are very close, mainly because her four children paralell myself and my three sisters closley.

Marjorie, born in 1920, married right out of high school and moved to Chicago with her husband. It ~~we they~~ was while they were living in Chicago that thier two children were born. Margie and her husband Dave decided that Chicago was no place to raise children, so they packed thier things and moved to California. They now reside in Sacramento.

Ruth, born in 1921, also married right after graduating from high school and still lives in Dubuque. Her husband and Marian's husband both served in the Army during World War II, and her eldest son spent three years in the Air Force.

John, born 1924, graduated from college and also took additional training as a watchmaker and engraver. During this time he enlisted in the Army and served as a ball-turret gunner on a B-24 bomber and was shot down over the English Channel three times. Later he returned to the States and moved to California where he is an industrial photographer.

Rosemary, born in 1923, worked as a bank teller upon completion of high school. She later married a farmer, and they live on a farm near Joliet, Illinois.

Violet, my mother, who was born in 1917, was very active in high school and never received less than an "A" on her report card until the 9th grade when she got a "B". She played string bass in band and orchestra throughout high school and college and also played in a city symphony orchestra. She attended the University of Dubuque and then moved to Chicago where she worked as a secretary. It was while she was in Chicago that she met my father.

My father, Boyd, was born in 1906 in Bucyrus, Ohio. He attended high school and then went to work for a sales agency that had him working all around Ohio. After a few years he was promoted to sales manager and transferred to the main office in Chicago. It was at this time that he met my mother.

My parents were married and lived in Chicago for another year or so until my father was transferred to Moline Illinois. He stayed with the sales firm for a few more years until one day my father learned that the apartment house that they were living in had been sold to a company that was planning on tearing it down and building a supermarket, so my father bought a house and he bought a restaurant along with it. He retired from the sales firm and worked in the restaurant along with my mother for about 5 years. Then, in 1954, they were blessed with a baby boy (me) and my father decidedto sell the restaurant so that my mother could spend more time on me. He got his old job back at the sales firm and every-stayed the same until 1960 when my father was told by his doctor that his health was getting bad and that he should ~~mov~~ move to a climate that had warmer winters, so that summer we sold our house and moved to Florida. While we were in Moline, though, things began to happen fast. In a few short years my parents quiet life was shattered. After twelve years of marriage they suddenly had four kids in six years! I came along in 1954, then came Jan ('56), June ('57), Joyce ('59), and suddenly there was a house full of kids! So we moved to Florida and lived there for about a year. Then my Father's health broke down completely and he had a heart attack. He was hospitalized imediately and he died about a week later. We moved to Dubuque and stayed with relatives while finished first grade. Then we moved to Rockford and my mother accepted a job as school teacher at Nashold school.

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My mother raised the three of us as best she could without a father. She always provided for us and we were never lacking anything. My three sisters and I recieved the majority of our grade schooling at Lewis Kennedy school. It was here tht I became interested in music, and I took ~~the~~ up the clarinet and sax. I became active in church activities and joined everything I could ~~I~~ ~~e~~ in School. I enjoyed being involved and my sisters were that way, too. We were a very close knit family and we have gone on many trips and vacations together, along with many things that we do around town.

In 1971 we moved to our present location. At the time ~~we~~ I was going to Auburn and the school board said that I could ~~I~~ ~~e~~ go to Jefferson if I wanted to. Since Jeff was closer, I decided to attend school there and I became a member of the first graduating class of Jefferson.

I have enjoyed digging into my family history very much and I plan to pursue it further this summer by visiting some of the old homes, churches, and graveyards where a part of my past is located

KELLEY, RAYMOND JAMES, 1956-

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   Rockford, Illinois

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   ____1850-1900 ____1900 or later

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   X East North Central(Mich.,Ohio,Ind.) ____Pacific(Cal.,Wash.)
   ____(Hawaii,Alaska) X (Ill., Wisc.,)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   ✓ Farming ✓ Mining ____Shopkeeping or small business
   ✓ Transportation ____Big Business ✓ Manufacturing
   ____Professions ✓ Industrial Labor ____Other_____

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

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   ____Jews ____Central Europeans ____Italians ____Slavs
   ✓ Irish ✓ British ____Native Americans over several generations
   ____East Asian ✓ Other(Name) SWISS

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

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   ____Land Records ____The U.S. Census
   ✓ Vital Records
   ✓ Photographs ✓ Maps ____Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name E. RAYMOND KELLEY Current Residence —

Date of birth JULY 4, 1893 Place of birth MANSON, IOWA

Date of death JANUARY 5, 1973 Place of burial ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Education (number of years);
grade school 9 high school 3 vocational - college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st CITY HEALTH INSP. Dates 1928-1938 1st DODGEVILLE, WIS Dates 1905-1915

2nd POSTAL CLERK Dates 1938-1963 2nd ROCKFORD, ILL. Dates 1916-1973

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

REPUBLICAN, MASONS

Place of Marriage to your grandmother ROCKFORD, ILL date MARCH 1, 1918

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name EMMA BUBACK Current Residence —

Date of birth JUNE 9, 1892 Place of birth WOODMAN, WISCONSIN

Date of death DECEMBER 26, 1960 Place of burial ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Education (number of years):
grade school 9 high school 3 vocational
college 2-4?

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st SCHOOL TEACHER Dates 1914-1918 1st ROCKFORD, ILL Dates 1918-1960

2nd Dates 2nd Dates

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandfather ROCKFORD, ILL. date MARCH 1, 1918

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name ERNUST FUCHGER Current Residence —

Date of birth MAY 30, 1895 Place of birth UETLIGEN, SWITZERLAND

Date of death NOVEMBER, 1964 Place of burial NEWBERRY, MICHIGAN

Education (number of years):

grade school 9 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st CHEESEMAKER Dates 1923-1925 1st MONROE, WIS Dates 1923-1925

2nd FARMER Dates 1925-1938 2nd MILWAUKEE, WIS Dates 1925-1928

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd BIRCH CREEK, MICH Dates 1928-1938

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th ~~DARLIN~~ _____ Dates _____

Religion PROTESTANT

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother MONROE, WIS date MARCH 10, 1923

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1).

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name LENA HUG Current Residence DARLINGTON, WISCONSIN

Date of birth DECEMBER 31, 1898 Place of birth BREMGARTEN, SWITZ.

Date of death — Place of burial —

Education (number of years)

grade school 9 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st HOUSEWIFE Dates _____ 1st MONROE, WIS Dates 1923-1925

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd MILWAUKEE, WIS Dates 1925-1928

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd BIRCH CREEK, MICH Dates 1928-1938

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th DARLINGTON, WIS Dates 1938-PRES.

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather MONROE, WIS. Date MARCH 10, 1923

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name HANS HAAS Current Residence —

Date of birth 1899 Place of birth SWITZERLAND

Date of death JULY 3, 1967 Place of burial DARLINGTON, WIS

Education (number of years)

grade school 9 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st STONE MASON Dates ____ 1st DARLINGTON, WIS Dates ____

2nd FARMER Dates 1957-1967 2nd ____ Dates ____

3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

4th ____ Dates ____ 4th ____ Dates ____

Religion PROTESTANT

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your grandmother DARLINGTON, WIS Date MARCH 28,

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name ____ Current Residence ____

Date of birth ____ Place of birth ____

Date of death ____ Place of burial ____

Education (number of years)

grade school ____ high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st ____ Dates ____ 1st ____ Dates ____

2nd ____ Dates ____ 2nd ____ Dates ____

3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd ____ Dates ____

4th ____ Dates ____ 4th ____ Dates ____

Religion ____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your grandfather ____ Date ____

LDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

Name WILLIAM MARTIN KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. date NOVEMBER 5, 1919
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation TOOL & DIE MAKER
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 4 Death —

Name JAMES CARLOS KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. date JULY 1, 1921
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation ILL. BELL TELEPHONE INSTALLER
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 4 Death —

Name LOIS JEAN KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. date OCTOBER 26, 1923
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3 Death —

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name RUTH ALMA FUCHSER
   Place of birth MONROE, WIS. date JUNE 12, 1924
   Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
   Residence PRESCOTT, ARIZ. Marital Status MARRIED
   Number of children 3 death —

2. Name HATTIE BERTHA FUCHSER
   Place of birth MONROE, WIS date JUNE 12, 1924
   Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
   Residence PHOENIX, ARIZ. Marital Status MARRIED
   Number of children NONE death —

3. Name IDA ERNA FUCHSER
   Place of birth MILWAUKEE date SEPTEMBER 16, 1926
   Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
   Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status MARRIED
   Number of children 4 death —

4. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

5. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

6. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

7. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

8. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

9. Name
   Place of birth date
   Number of years of schooling Occupation
   Residence Marital Status
   Number of children death

10. Name
    Place of birth date
    Number of years of schooling Occupation
    Residence Marital Status
    Number of children death

Your Father

Name JAMES C. KELLEY Current Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Date of birth JULY 1, 1921 Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Date of Death — Place of burial —

Education (number of years)
grade school 9 high school 3 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st HIGHWAY DEPT. Dates 1939 (3 MONTHS) 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd RECEIVING CLERK Dates 1939-1942 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd ARMY Dates 1942-1946 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th ILL. BELL TELEPHONE INSTALLER Dates 1946-PRES. 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion PROTESTANT

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

REPUBLICAN

Place of marriage to your mother ROCKFORD, ILL. date AUGUST 9, 1947

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name IDA ERNA FUCHSER Current Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Date of birth SEPTEMBER 16, 1926 Place of birth MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date of death — Place of burial —

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 highschool _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st WAITRESS Dates 1942-1955 1st BIRCH CREEK, MICH. Dates 1928-1938

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd DARLINGTON WIS. Dates 1938-1942

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd ROCKFORD, ILL. Dates 1942-PRES.

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion CONGREGATIONAL

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

REPUBLICAN

Place of marriage to your father ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS date AUGUST 9, 1947

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother_____ Date_____

F-2 Stepmother

Name_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your father_____ date_____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

Name SUSAN KAY KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. Date of birth FEBRUARY 14, 1955
Number of years of schooling JR.-COLLEGE Occupation —
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
Number of children _____ death _____

Name RAYMOND JAMES KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. Date of birth SEPTEMBER 15, 1956
Number of years of schooling SOPH.-COLLEGE Occupation —
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
Number of children — death —

Name JOHN EDWARD KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. Date of birth SEPTEMBER 28, 1958
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation —
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
Number of children — death —

Name KATHY LYNN KELLEY
Place of birth ROCKFORD, ILL. Date of birth JULY 24, 1965
Number of years of schooling 5 Occupation —
Residence ROCKFORD, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

Name _____
Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____ death _____

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Signed Ray Kelley

Date APRIL 26, 1976

(MANSON, IOWA)
E. RAYMOND KELLEY
B JULY 4, 1893
M MAR. 1, 1918
D. JAN. 5, 1973

(ISLE OF MAN)
JAMES C. KELLEY
B MAY 17, 1850

(ISLE OF MAN)
JAMES KELLEY

(ISLE OF MAN)
ANN (KELLEY)

(DODGEVILLE, WIS)
ANNIE JANE MUNDY
B APRIL 20, 1858
D 1934

(CORNWALL, ENG.)
WILLIAM MUNDY
B JAN 2, 1832

(CORNWALL, ENGLAND)
PETER MUNDY

JENIFER MOON

(ISLE OF MAN)
DEBORA MILBURN
B JAN 2, 1832

(ISLE OF MAN)
JOHN MILBURN

(ISLE OF MAN)
ANNE BRIDEN

(ROCKFORD, ILL.)
JAMES CARLOS KELLEY
B JULY 1, 1921

(WOODMAN, WIS)
EMMA BUDACK
B JUNE 9, 1892
D DEC. 26, 1960

(GERMANY)
JULES C. BUDACK
B DEC. 13, 1862
D MAY 4, 1913

(GERMANY)
WILLIAM BUDACK

(KRÜGER, GERMANY)
— WILHELMINA

(WOODMAN, WIS)
ELIZABETH MARTIN
B SEPT 7, 1869

(HESSE-DARMSTAT, GERMANY)
JOHN MARTIN

(GERMANY)
CATHERINE SANGER

PATERNAL

RAYMOND JAMES KELLEY
B SEPT. 15, 1956

(ROCKFORD, ILL.)
JAMES CARLOS KELLEY
B JULY 1, 1921
M AUGUST 9, 1947

(MILWAUKEE, WIS.)
IDA ERNA FUCHSER
B SEPT. 16, 1926

(UETLIGEN, SWITZ.)
ERNUST FUCHSER
B MAY 30, 1895
M MAR 10, 1923
D NOV., 1964

(SWITZERLAND)
CHRIS FUCHSER

(BREMGARTEN, SWITZ)
LENA HUG
B DEC. 31, 1898

(BUCHSLEN, SWITZ)
FREDRICH HUG
B 1868
D 1957

(TRUB, SWITZ.)
LENA UHLMAN
B 1869
D 1911

MATERNAL

SOURCES

Marrian Kelley April 11 & 18, 1976

Lena Haas April 15, 1976

Walter Hug April 15, 1976

Raymond Budack April 18, 1976

Lois Kelley (Smith) April 18, 1976

James and Ida Kelley

Due to records kept by my father's aunt, uncle, and sister I was able to follow my paternal ancestors further back than those on my maternal side. My mother's living relatives are aged and remember little of their ancestry. Through written correspondences I possibly could have uncovered more information about both sides. However, I have succeeded in following all relatives back to a foreign country. This was my initial goal.

James C. KELLEY
B May 17, 1850 Laxey, Isle of Man
D Unknown

James C. Kelley was born in Laxey, Isle of Man; a small island off the coast of England. He came to America in 1855 with his father. The boat trip took ten weeks. He moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio and then to Dodgeville, Wisconsin. In 1890 James went on to Manson, Iowa and bought a dairy farm. He married Annie Jane Mundy and here in 1893 they had a son, E. Raymond Kelley. Shortly hereafter James C. left his family to prospect for gold in California and was never heard from again.

Annie Jane MUNDY
B April 30, 1858 ~~Woodman~~ DODGEVILLE, Wisconsin
d 1934

Jules C. BUDACK
B December 13, 1862 Germany
D May 4, 1913 Woodman, Wisconsin

Jules C. Budack was born and raised in Germany. At age 19 he traveled to the U.S. and settled in Woodman, Wisconsin. Here he worked for the "Narrow Gage" Railroad and eventually became foreman. Jules also met and married a Woodman native, Elizabeth Martin. Together they had nine children; among them Emma Budack.

Elizabeth MARTIN
B Sept. 7, 1869 Woodman, Wisconsin
D (date unknown) Woodman Wis.

E. Raymond KELLEY
B July 4, 1893 Manson, Iowa
D Jan. 5, 1973 Rockford, Ill.

E, Raymond Kelley, son of James C. and Annie J. Kelley was born on a farm near Manson, Iowa and moved with his parents in 1905 to Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Here he completed his high school education. After graduation he worked for Mineral Point Public Service Company. He was a foreman in charge of electrical installations in homes and stores in the smaller towns where electricity was not previously available. In 1916 Raymond moved to Rockford, Illinois. In early fall 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, was sent oversea, served six months in France, and was discharged in 1919. Upon his return, E. Raymond was employed for a time with several electrical firms, with the Recht Froelich Chevrolet Co., and two years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1927 he entered upon a ten year stay with the Department of Public Health of the City of Rockford; the last five years as food inspector to the city. He resigned this position in order to join the Federal Government as a postal clerk in the Rockford Post Office. With 25 years of postal service to his credit, he retired July 31, 1963. On January 5, 1973 at the age of 79 he died of cancer.

In addition, E. Raymond was an active member of the Masons and was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master Of Illinois in 1943; the highest masonic position in Illinois.

Emma BUDACK
B June 9, 1892 Woodman, Wis.
D Dec. 26, 1960 Rockford, Ill.

Emma Budack was born and raised in Woodman, Wisconsin. She graduated from high school and attended enough college to be qualified to teach school. Emma taught in the Woodman area for only a short while. She met E. Raymond Kelley while he was working for the Mineral Point Public Service Company and in 1918 they were married in Rockford, Illinois. They had three children including James Carlos Kelley. Emma lived the remainder of her life as a housewife, dieing in Rockford on December 26, 1960.

James Carlos KELLEY
B July 1, 1921 Rockford, Illinois

James Kelley was born and has lived his entire life in Rockford, Illinois. He attended Walker Grade School and graduated from Central High School in 1939. His first job was with the Winnebago County Highway Department and lasted only one summer. He then worked for Roper Corporation, a local manufacturer of stoves and pumps, as a receiving clerk until his enlistment into the army in 1942. He never left the U.S. and the majority of his term was spent in California where he drove a wrecker truck. Following his discharge in 1946, he took a job with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and remains under their employment. Like his father E. Raymond, James is a member of the Second Congregational Church

of Rockford and politically is a conservative republican..

Fredrich HUG
B 1868 Buchslen, Switzerland
D 1957 Switzerland

Fredrich Hug was born, lived, and died in Switzerland. He worked primarily as a cheese maker until his death in 1957.

Lena UHLMAN
B 1869 Trub, Switz.
D 1911 Switz.

Lena Uhlman,also a native of Switzerland, married Fredrich Hug. Lena had 16 children; one being Lena Hug.

Ernust FUCHSER
B May 30, 1895 Uetligen, Switz.
D Nov., 1964 Newberry, Michigan

Ernust Fuchser was born in Switzerland and was the son of a farmer. Ernust lived there until 1923 when he decided to move to America to find work and marry Lena Hug. Residing in Monroe, Wisconsin he was a cheesemaker for two years. In 1925 he moved to Milwaukee and in 1928 to Birch Creek, Michigan; farming while at both places. Following divorce to Lena in 1938, Ernust continued farming in northern Michigan until his death in 1964.

Lena HUG
B Dec. 31, 1898 Bremgarten, Switz.

Lena Hug was also born and grew up in Switzerland. She moved to the United States in 1923 to be married. Together Lena and Ernust Fuchser had three daughters; among them Ida Fuchser. However, in 1938 they were divorced and Lena and the three girls moved to Darlington, Wisconsin. Here, in 1941, she married Hans Haas, a Swiss born stone mason and farmer. Together they owned a small farm until Hans' death in 1967. Lena Haas still resides in Darlington.

Ida Erna FUCHSER
B Sept. 16, 1926 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ida Fuchser was born into a farming family at Milwaukee in 1926. Two years later she moved, with her family, to Birch Creek, Michigan and lived there ten years. Following her parents divorce in 1938, Ida moved with her mother and sisters to Darlington. Here she worked on her uncle's dairy farm. Due to the farm work she was required to perform, Ida only finished eight years of schooling. In 1942 She moved to Rockford and worked as a waitress for 13 years.

James Carlos and Ida Erna Kelley

James C. Kelley and Ida Fuchser met in Rockford, Illinois in 1946. They were married on August 9, 1947. For six months they rented a house in Rockford where the downtown Sears store is presently located. In 1948 they bought a house on the west side of Rockford and still reside

there. They have four children; Susan Kay, born 1955, Raymond James, 1956, John Edward, 1958, Katherine Lynn, 1965.

Raymond James KELLEY
B Sept. 15, 1956 Rockford, Illinois

Ray Kelley was born and lives in Rockford. He attended Church Grade School, Wilson Junior High, graduated from Auburn High in 1974, went to Bradley University one year, and is presently majoring in secondary education at Rock Valley College. He has achieved success both academically and athletically. Ray graduated number eight in his class at Auburn and was on the deans list two semesters at Bradley and one at Rock Valley. In high school he was named to the All Big Nine Tennis Team and also lettered three years in swimming. Ray presently plays for the Rock Valley tennis team.

In 1971 Ray applied for and was accepted into the youth recruit program at Woodward Governor Company, Rockford. He has worked in this industrial work-study program for five summers.

Ray will be voting in his first election in November, 1976 and although he considers himself republican, he is still uncommitted.

KENNEDY, DANIEL, 1954-

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AMILY HISTORY

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. Your name Daniel Kennedy
Date of form _____

. Your college: Rock Valley College
Rockford, Illinois

. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

____ Before 1750 ____ 1750-1800 X 1800-1850
____ 1850-1900 ____ 1900 or later

. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

____ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) X Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
____ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ____ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.
____ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ____ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
____ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ____ (Hawaii, Alaska)

. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

✓ Farming ____ Mining ____ Shopkeeping or small business
____ Transportation ____ Big Business ____ Manufacturing
____ Professions ____ Industrial labor ____ Other

. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

✓ Roman Catholic ____ Jewish ____ Presbyterian ____ Methodist
____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ✓ Lutheran
____ Quaker ____ Mormon ____ Other Protestant ____ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

____ Blacks ____ Indians ____ Mexicans ____ Puerto Ricans
____ Jews ____ Central Europeans ____ Italians ____ Slavs
✓ Irish ____ British ____ Native Americans over several generations
____ East Asian ____ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

X Interviews with other family members ____ Family Bibles ____ Family Genealogies
X Vital Records ____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
X Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name James F Kennedy Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death Oct. 28, 1968

Place of birth Byron, Ill. Date of Birth March 27, 1903

Education (number of years):
grade school ✓ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Furniture Finisher	Dates 4/10/28	1st 806 Alliance Ave.	Dates _____
2nd Policeman	Dates 6/15/30	2nd Milwaukee Wis	Dates _____
3rd Railroad Brakeman	Dates _____	3rd 1610 Mulberry St	Dates _____
4th Furniture Finisher	Dates _____	4th 2430 W State St	Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Milwaukee Wis. date 3/28/28

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Gertrude Murphy Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death March 1965

Place of birth Milwaukee Wis. Date of birth 4/16/1901

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Switchboard Operator	Dates _____	1st 806 Alliance Ave	Dates _____
2nd Housewife	Dates _____	2nd Milwaukee Wis	Dates _____
3rd "	Dates _____	3rd 1610 Mulberry St	Dates _____
4th "	Dates _____	4th 2430 W State St	Dates _____

Religion Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Milwaukee Wis. DATE 3/28/28

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

andfather (your mother's side)

ame Carl Stromquist Current Residence _____
dead, date of death Nov 28, 1972

lace of birth DeKalb Ill. Date of birth Dec 22, 1899
ducation (number of years):
rade school ✓ 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Milk Man Dates 1917 1st 2324 Broadway Dates 1930
d Iron Worker (~~Linden~~ Hennis) Steel Cons. Dates 1924 2nd 1700 Parmlee ST. Dates 1931
rd Manager John Hennis Dates 1946 3rd 2007-17th Ave. Dates 1932-194
th Owner (Blue Line Trans) Dates 1960 4th 1107- Dates _____

eligion Lutheran
olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. LLL. Club

lace of marriage to your grandmother Rockford Ill. date Jan. 1, 1930
ote: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~ give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

randmother (your mother's side)

ame Ruth Liebenstad Current Residence 1608 Crosby
dead, date of death _____

lace of birth Scandinavia, Wis. Date of birth June 3, 1902
ducation (number of years)
grade school ✓ high school ✓ 2 vocational 3 college _____

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Swedish American Hosp Dates 1919 1st Charles ST. Dates 1919
nd ~~Pub~~ Nurse RN Dates ~~1924~~ 1925 2nd Rochester Minn. Dates ~~1929~~ 1925
rd Nurse Dates 1930- 3rd Rockford Ill Dates 1930
P.A. Peterson Nursing Home 1964- Rockford, Ill 1964-

eligion Lutheran
olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Swedish Am. Hosp. Alumnae Assn Navy Mothers Circle at Church
lace of marriage to your grandfather Rockford Ill. date Jan 1, 1930
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Donald J. Kennedy
Place of birth Milwaukee, Wis. date July 25, 1933
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Salesman
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 5

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Joyce Kennedy (Stromquist)
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date Sept. 27, 1932
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 5

2. Name John Stromquist
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date Nov. 14, 1930
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Police Councilor (Schoo
Residence Durand, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 3

3. Name Joan Swenson (Stromquist)
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date Sept. 11, 1935
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Store Dept. Manager
Residence Fullerton, Calif. Marital Status married
Number of children 4

4. Name Jerry Stromquist
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date Oct. 4, 1939
Number of years of schooling 11 Occupation Machinist
Residence Cherry Valley, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 3

5. Name Judy Joiner (Stromquist)
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date Nov. 4, 1945
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Teacher (Beauty Sch
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Divorced
Number of children 2

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Donald Kennedy Current Residence 3508 Avondale Dr.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Milwaukee, Wis. Date of birth July 25, 1933
Education (number of years)
grade school ✓ high school ✓ vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st TREE TRIMMER Dates 10/2/51 1st 508 N. Main ST Dates 1951-1952
2nd GLAZIER Dates 4/15/52 2nd 1107-7th Ave Dates 1952-1957
3rd FOREMAN Dates 10/4/63 3rd 1920 Jonathan Dates 1957-1968
4th SALESMAN Dates 6/10/68 4th 3508 Avondale Dates 1968—
Religion Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your mother ST. Peters - Rockford, Ill. date Nov. 10, 1951
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Joyce Stromquist Current Residence 3508 Avondale Dr.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth Sept. 27, 1932
Education (number of years)
grade school ✓ high school ✓ vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Bookkeeper Dates 1950-1953 1st 508 N Main ST. Dates 1951-1952
2nd Dates 2nd 1107-7th Ave Dates 1952-1957
3rd Dates 3rd ~~2019~~ 1920 Jonathan Ave Dates 1957-1968

Religion Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your father ST. Peters - Rockford, Ill. date Nov. 10, 1951
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

F-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

HILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

ame Daniel Kennedy
lace of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth March 30, 1954
umber of years of schooling 14 Occupation Student
esidence 3508 Avondale Dr Marital Status No
umber of children

ame Kathleen Kennedy
lace of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth Jan 16 1953
umber of years of schooling 15 Occupation Student
esidence 3508 Avondale Dr. Marital Status No
umber of children

ame Mary Kennedy
lace of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth Oct 4 1963
umber of years of schooling 5 Occupation Student
esidence 3508 Avondale Dr Marital Status No
umber of children

ame David Kennedy
lace of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth April 2, 1965
umber of years of schooling 3 Occupation Student
esidence Marital Status No
umber of children

ame Michael Kennedy
lace of birth Rockford Ill. Date of birth Aug. 25 1971
umber of years of schooling Occupation ~~Student~~
esidence 3508 Avondale Dr. Marital Status
umber of children

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lace of birth Date of birth
umber of years of schooling Occupation
esidence Marital Status
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lace of birth Date of birth
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lace of birth Date of birth
umber of years of schooling Occupation
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umber of children

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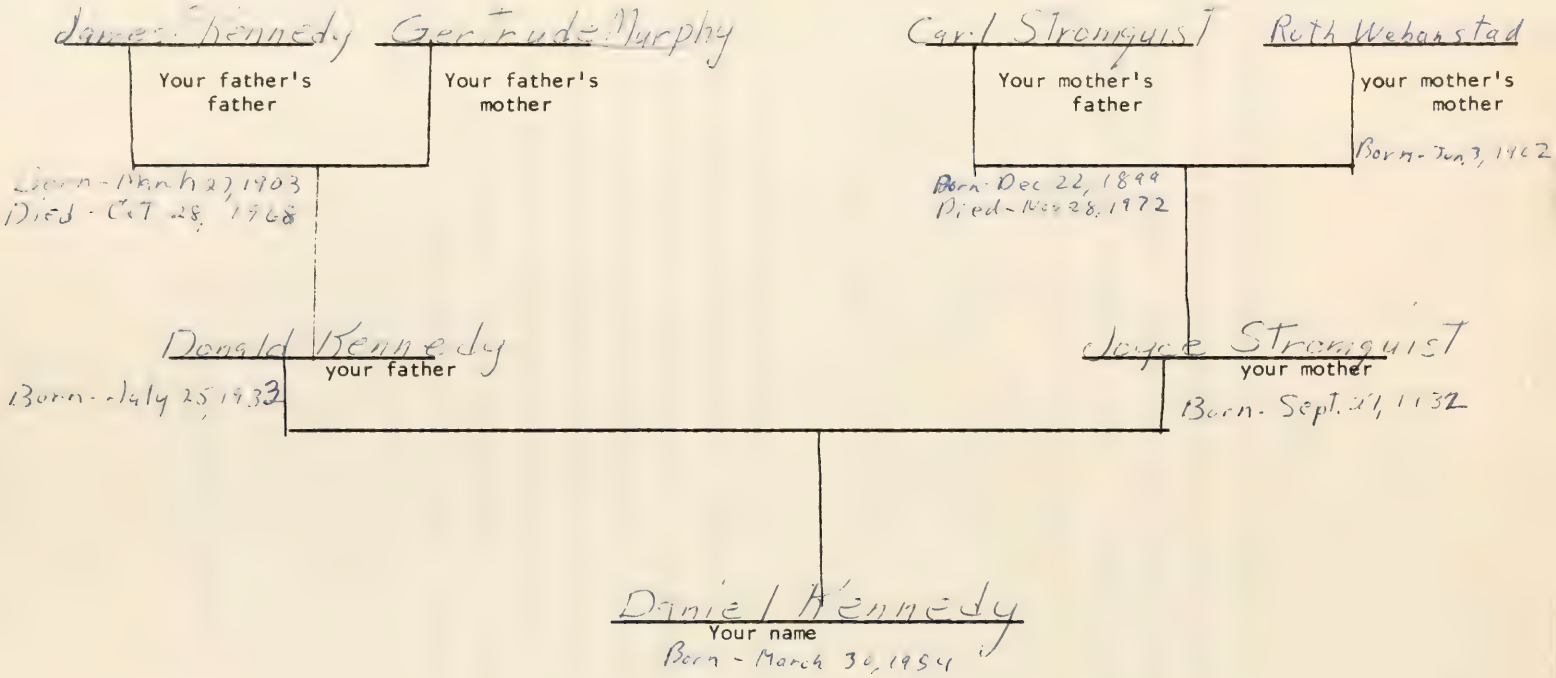
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Daniel Kennedy

Date May 23, 1974

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



MY GRANDFATHER--MOTHER'S SIDE

Carl Stromquist was born on a farm in DeKalb, Illinois on December 22, 1899. He was the son of Charlie and Lucille Stromquist. He had two sisters, Alma and Ester. When he was a young boy, his parents were separated and his mother moved the family to Rockford. With the money she received from the sale of the farm, Lucille bought a home and a small grocery store. With the income from the store, she was able to raise her family. They lived in a large three bedroom, wooden framed, two story house on Seventeenth Avenue. Usually one of the rooms would be rented out to a boarder.

Carl quit school after the eighth grade and went to work at the Ferm Dairy. In 1918, he was drafted into the army, but when he got to the train station, word came that the war was over. His job at the Ferm Dairy was to deliver milk to the people in a horse pulled vehicle. He was a milkman until 1924, when he went to work for Lyndon and Sons as a laborer. In 1929, May Ferm, of the Ferm Dairy where Carl used to work, introduced him to her friend, Ruth Webenstad.

MY GRANDMOTHER--MOTHER'S SIDE

Ruth Webenstad was born on a farm in Scandanavia, Wisconsin on June 3, 1902. She came from a large middle class family of nine children, seven girls and two boys. When she was fifteen, her father, John Webenstad, died of an appendicitis attack and when she was seventeen, her mother, Sarah, died of pneumonia. After her mother died she moved to Rockford with two of her sisters, Clara and Magdalene. They all lived in the nurse's quarters at Swedish American Hospital and took nurse's training for the next three years. She graduated from nurse's school in 1922, becoming a registered nurse at Swedish American Hospital. She earned $7 a day then, while a registered nurse today makes about $35. In 1928, she travelled to Rochester, Minnesota and worked at Colonial Hospital in Rochester. The next year, she decided to come back to Rockford and once again became a nurse at Swedish American Hospital. In 1929, a friend of hers, May Ferm, introduced her to Carl Stromquist.

This is a picture of Ruth as a registered nurse at Swedish American Hospital in 1924:

MY GRANDPARENTS TOGETHER--MOTHER'S SIDE

They dated for one year after they met, getting around in my grandfather's brand new Coupe Ford. They were married on January 1, 1929 at Trinity Lutheran Church. At first, they lived in an apartment at 1700 Parmele Street. Money started getting scarce however, and in 1932, they moved in with Carl's mother on Seventeenth Avenue. Ruth was the main supporter of the family throughout the Depression. Carl was forced to sell his car in order to buy food and was about to join the breadlines, when Lyndon and Sons gave him some part time work. In July of 1934, Carl's mother died, possibly from the shock of losing all her money when the bank collapsed. There were difficult times for the family, especially since Carl tended to spend the little money he made in the taverns.

Things got better though and in 1936, Carl started working for John Hennis Trucking Company. He did iron work construction and heavy machinery moving. The pay was not real good then, but my grandfather and some of his friends organized the first iron workers union in the Rockford area local 498.

He once said that back when they were just starting, the only way they could get people to hire the union workers was to blow up, at night, anything non-union people built. It was a pretty violent way to start a union, but it worked, and Carl Stromquist was President of that union for many years. Today, iron workers union local 498, is the strongest union in Rockford, with the iron workers drawing top wages over the other trades. In 1946, Carl became a foreman and in 1955, he became manager of the John Hennis Trucking Company. He was soon known as one of the areas better authorities on heavy machine moving. In 1960, he bought the company and changed the name to Blue Line Transfer. He owned the company for five years before he sold it and retired. The company didn't do well and he lost most of his money because of it. His biggest problem was the fact that he was an iron worker himself once and it hurt him to have to send men home when there was no work. While my grandfather was doing this, my grandmother continued to be a registered nurse at Swedish American Hospital until 1964. Then she switched to the P.A.Peterson

Nursing Home where she still works today at the age of 72.

Ten years after they were married, they bought their first house. It was a yellow brick, two-story house on Eighteenth Street. It was bought by my grandmother from the Prudential Insurance Company who had taken over many homes during the Depression and then sold them at low prices. They paid $6,200 for the house, with $1,000 down with four per cent interest. My grandmother, who usually handled such matters as the buying and selling of homes, liked to move, so usually every four to five years, they would buy a new house. The only time they had boarders living with them was during World War II when my grandmother's sister, Magdalene,and her two boys lived with them while her husband was in the service.

Their only investments consisted of two apartment buildings- the one my grandmother lives in now in which she rents out the upstairs apartment, and another small two family apartment building.

They raised five children, two boys and three girls. They were brought up in the Lutheran religion

and all the children went to Sunday School. My grandmother was the one who pushed religion and discipline upon the children.

Christmas was always a special time when the whole family would gather at their house for a turkey and ham dinner on Christmas Eve night. Thanksgiving was spent at Carl's sister's house, Alma Browman. They were the only really well off people of the family. Alma's husband, Swan Browman, was one of the founders of Amerock Corporation in Rockford, Illinois.

My grandfather loved sports, cards, and fishing. He was a very well liked and easy going man. His favorite sport was fast pitch softball which he loved to watch and would often take me with him out to Cherry Valley to see some of the games. In 1947, he became a charter member of the LLL Club and spent much of his time after he retired playing cards with his friends there. The LLL stands for Live and Let Live and you would have to had known him to realize how well that fit him. He was the most warm, friendly, easy-going person that you would ever want to meet. He died on November 28, 1972.

MY MOTHER

Joyce Kennedy was born on September 27, 1932. She was educated at Hallstrom Grade School, Lincoln Junior High, and East High School. She was raised in the Lutheran Religion and attended Trinity Lutheran Church.

When she was a junior in high school, she worked at the old Rex Theater and also at a root beer stand. She earned fifty cents an hour at those places plus the tips she received at the root beer stand.

In high school, she was interested in girls athletics and played on all the GAA teams at East High. She specialized in basketball, where she was known as an excellent defensive player with a deadly long range shot. She went to all the East High games on Friday nights and on Saturdays, she would go see her steady boyfriend, Don Kennedy, play basketball for St. Thomas High School.

After she graduated from East, she went to work at City National Bank where she made a dollar an hour. The following September, she became officially engaged to Don Kennedy and they were married on November 10, 1951.

FATHER'S SIDE

My father's great-great-grandfather came to this country in the early 1800's because of a potato famine in Ireland. They were too poor to buy a farm, so his great-great-grandfather's job was helping to dig the Erie Canal.

The Kennedy's wanted to be farmers and a stroke of luck enabled them to buy their first farm. One day in 1832, my father's great-great-grandmother found a hundred dollar bill on the beach at Coney Island. With this money, they moved to Byron, Illinois with their young son James, and started a farm on land that they bought frmm the government. The Blackhawk wars had just ended so the Indians that were in the area were not hostile and gave them no trouble.

James Kennedy was born in Syracuse, New York on July 12, 1832, and came with his father to Byron, Illinois while he was still acchild. The father engaged in farming at Byron, and it was there that the early life of Mr. Kennedy was spent. He grew to like farming and eventually took over the farm after his father died.

James Kennedy was married to Hannah O'Connell on February 22, 1859. She was born in Ireland and came to Americalwith her family when she was nine years old.

They raised their family of eight boys in the Catholic religion. They attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockford, which was a four mile buckboard ride on Prairie Road every Sunday.

James Kennedy was a very hard working,honest and industrious man. In his many years of farming he had built a beautiful home and had acquired a large tract of land. He was well liked by everyone and was the most well known man in the county. His wife Hannah, was a very good and generous person. When she died on February 6, 1909, just two weeks before her golden wedding anniversary, the whole community was shocked and saddened. After the death of Hannah, his wife of fifty years, James' health started failing. He soon passed away, leaving his large farm to his sons.

John Kennedy was the eldest son of James and Hannah Kennedy. He was born in Rockford on July 12, 1860.

He spent most of his years farming. He worked first on his father's farm and then on his own farm in Byron. The farm bordered on Route 2 and Kennedy Hill Road which was named after his father, James Kennedy. Kennedy Hill Road was important to the people of that day, for it was used to test new cars. Before people bought an automobile, they would check to see if there model A's would make it up the hill in third gear. If they didn't have to shift, it was considered a well made car.

On April 9, 1896 he married Kathryn Riley of Leaf River. She was the daughter of the late Patrick and Hannah Riley, pioneer settlers in Ogle County. Her nickname was the Little Bottle Stopper because she was so small and her parents came from Cork County in Ireland.

They raised eight children, six girls and two boys. They were devout Catholics and attended mass regularly. They were average farmers and were not as well off or known as James Kennedy, because the farm was split up. In 1916, he sold the farm and

moved to Rockford. They lived at 402 North Central Avenue and attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rockford.

In his retirement years in Rockford, John Kennedy worked part time as an elevator operator in the Rockford Trust Building. He died of diabetes on October 12, 1927. In his obituary, they said he was a mandof upright character and sterling worth, who was faithful to every obligation of his home, business, and civic life, and entirely merited the regard in which he was widely held. Kathryn lived for thirteen more years before she died of a stroke on May 17, 1940.

James F. Kennedy, my grandfather, was born on March 27, 1903 at his father's farm in Byron, Illinois. He dropped out of school after the eighth grade to work on the farm. When they moved to Rockford, he lived with his parents and worked as a furniture finisher at the Haddoff Piano Company.

In the spring of 1927, he met Gertrude Murphy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and they were married a year later in Milwaukee on March 28, 1928.

Gertrude Murphy was born in Milwaukee on April 16, 1901. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Murphy, who was a policeman in Milwaukee.

Their first home was an apartment in Rockford at 806 Alliance Avenue. In 1930,,they moved to Milwaukee where Gertrude's father helped to get James a job on the police force.

They had a very unhappy marriage and it ended in divorce in 1940. On July 25, 1933 they had their only child, a boy named Donald Kennedy, my father. His mother raised him as a Catholic and disciplined him, but his father, who was an alcoholic, was not around too much. After their divorce, Don lived with his mother in Milwaukee and she worked as a switchboard operator at the Milwaukee Medical Center. They were very poor, so his mother sent him to Rockford when he was fourteen to live with his Aunt Loretta, a sister of his father. James Kennedy worked at several odd jobs, but because of his drinking problem, he never was able to hold a steady job. He died on October 28, 1968. His ex-wife Gertrude, later remarried a man named Hank Fasset. She died in March of 1965.

My father attended St. Thomas High School in Rockford. He played on the basketball team at St.

Thomas and during the summer, he worked at Rockford Cement Products. He was introduced to Joyce Stromquist when he was a junior in high school and she wore his class ring during his senior year. When he graduated from St. Thomas he went to work for the Illinois Gas and Electric Company as a tree trimmer earning $1.05 an hour.

On November 10, 1951, Don Kennedy and Joyce Stromquist were married on a beautiful, hot, sunshiny day. On April 15, 1952, my dad went to work for National Glass Company as an apprentice glazier. He became foreman of the company in 1963 and in 1968, he became a salesman for the National Glass Company.

My father was the first member of his family who did not marry an Irish girl, and my mother was the first member of her family to marry a Catholic. Her mother did not approve of the wedding at all because she was marrying a Catholic. In 1955, Joyce was converted into the Catholic church and now we all attend St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Rockford.

When they were first married, money was scarce

and they lived in a couple of small apartments. In 1957, my father built his own house at 1920 Jonathan Avenue. It was in this small one story yellow brick house where I spent my childhood years. In 1969, we moved into a nice two story, tri-level house at 3508 Avondale Drive.

MY FAMILY

The girl in the black dress below is my sister, Kathy. She was born on January 16, 1953, the eldest of the family. This picture was taken on Christmas Eve at my grandparents house. She is helping my late grandfather pass out presents to the children. She graduated from Boylan High School and Rock Valley College and is now studying to be an elementary school teacher at Western Illinois University.

The picture below right, is my little sister, Mary. She was born on October 4, 1963. She attends St. Bernadette Grade School and now is in her seventh year of dancing lessons. She also takes tumbling, mini-tramp and trampoline lessons at Rockford Trampoline Town.

The fellow on the left is my brother David. He was born on April 2, 1965 and he attends St. Bernadette Grade School. He's only eight years old, but he's already a natural athlete. Dave played on organized football, basketball, and baseball teams last year.

The little fellow on the right is Michael Kennedy. He was born on August 25, 1971. Michael hasn't done anything yet, but he sure is a cute little kid!

KJELLQUIST, EVERETT JOHN, 1956-

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   Date of form 11/27/74

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ✓ 1800-1850
   ___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ✓ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind. Ill. Wis.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
   ___ Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   ✓ Farming ✓ Mining ✓ Shopkeeping or small business
   ✓ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   ___ Professions ✓ Industrial labor ___ Other

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   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational ✓ Lutheran
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   ✓ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ✓ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name John B Kjellquist Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1948

Place of birth Tibro Sweeden Date of Birth 1879

Education (number of years):
grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st Cabinetmaker Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Hilda Larson Kjellquist Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1917

Place of birth Mariestad Sweeden Date of birth 1881

Education (number of years):
grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford DATE 1908

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Frank Petterson Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1959 - Nov. 24

Place of birth Christiania Oslo NORWAY Date of birth Feb 13 1887
Education (number of years):
grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st textiles Dates _____ 1st Clausthal Germany Dates 18-1918
2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd 2021 5th RKFD Dates 1917-59
3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Lutheran
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Lina Schwinger Petterson Current Residence 2021 5th St RKFD
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Clausthal Germany Date of birth June 6 1886
Education (number of years)
grade school X high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Screw threader Dates _____ 1st Clausthal - Albert Street 33 Dates - 1913
2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd 2021 5th St. Dates 1917-
3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion Lutheran
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Clausthal Germany date Jan 8 1909
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name John Everett Kjellquist
Place of birth Rockford date March 23 1913
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Tool and die maker
Residence 2017 6th st. Marital Status married
Number of children 2

2. Name Einar Kjellquist
Place of birth Rockford date 1911
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation machinist
Residence Elgin Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

3. Name Eddie Sandeen
Place of birth Rock Ford date 1917
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [redacted] Aircraft design
Residence Van Nuys California Marital Status married
Number of children 2

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Frances Freda Kjellquist
Place of birth Rock Ford date April 22 1920
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation insurance clerk
Residence Rock Ford Marital Status married
Number of children 2

2. Name Hans Petterson
Place of birth Glauchau Germany date Aug 1909
Number of years of schooling 8 10 Occupation machinist
Residence Rock Ford Marital Status married
Number of children 1

3. Name Ralph Petterson
Place of birth Germany date Feb 1913
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Foreman
Residence Rock Ford Marital Status married
Number of children 1

4. Name Frank Petterson
Place of birth Rock Ford date 1928
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation carpet layer
Residence Rock Ford Marital Status married
Number of children 3

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Everett John Kjellquist Current Residence 2017 6th St.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Rock Ford Date of birth 3/23/13
Education (number of years)
grade school X high school X vocational college

Occupation(s)

1st Tool and die	Dates 1930 -	1st	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) 2017 6th St.	Dates 1939	
2nd	Dates	2nd		Dates	
3rd	Dates	3rd		Dates	
4th	Dates	4th		Dates	

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democratic Party

Place of marriage to your mother Rock Ford date 1939
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Frances Freda Kjellquist Current Residence 2017 6th St.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Rock Ford Date of birth 4/22/20
Education (number of years)
grade school X high school X vocational college

Occupation(s)

1st clerk	Dates	1st	PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home) 2017 6th St.	Dates 1939 -	
2nd Factory work	Dates	2nd		Dates	
3rd Clerk	Dates	3rd		Dates	

Religion Lutheran
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democratic Party

Place of marriage to your father Rock Ford date 1939
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name KAREN RAY Kjellquist Gutierrez
Place of birth ROCKFORD Date of birth 9/28/44
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation teacher
Residence Cali, Colombia S. America Marital Status married
Number of children 1

Name Everett John Kjellquist Jr.
Place of birth ROCKFORD Date of birth 12/23/56
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation
Residence ROCKFORD Marital Status single
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Signed Ann Kjellquist

Date 11/26/84

GENEALOGY CHART

Everett Kjellquist
Father
B 1913
M 1939
D

Grandfather
B
M
D

Great grandfather
B
M
D

Great grandmother
B
D

Grandmother
B
D

B
M
D

B
D

Hans Petterson

Frank Petterson
Grandfather
B 1887
M 1909
D 1959

B
M
D

Johanna Petterson

B
D

Frances Petterson Kjellquist
Mother
B 1920
M 1939
D

Ernst Emil Schwinger

B 1861
M
D 1907

Lina Schwinger Petterson
Grandmother
B 1886
D

Anna Maria Schwinger
B 1860
D 1908

m Lina Ida Schwinger Pett
S Freda Schwinger Chris

m Frances Freda Peterson Kjellquist
B Hans Peterson
Ruth Peterson
[illegible]

Everett John Kjellquist Dr.
Sister
Karen Kax Kjellquist Gustavus

F Frank Petterson
B Ernie Petterson
William Petterson
Victor Petterson
S Clara
Victoria
Freda

m Hilda Larson Kjellquist
B Carl Larson*
S Gustaf Larson
Amanda Larson Swan
Ida Larson Gustafson

F Everett John Kjellquist
B [illegible] Kjellquist
[illegible] Sandine

F John B. Källkvist (Kjellquist)
B Carl Kjellquist
Gustav Kjellquist
S Ellen Kjellquist
Esther Kjellquist Sandeen

*Carl was a Half Brother

m Ida Neubert Stien

Anna Maria Stien Schwinger (May 2, 1860 - December 30 1908)

B Robert Stien
S Ida Stien

F Wilhelm Stien

m Rosalia Natalia Meherr Schwinger

Ernst Emil Schwinger (Sept 17, 1861 - October 7 1907)

B Powell Schwinger
Robert Schwinger
Max Schwinger

F Friedrich Schwinger

Hans Peterson

Johanna Peterson

K
Kjellquist

My Mother's name is Frances Freda Pettersen Kjellquist. Her Mother's name is Lena Ida Pettersen Schwinger. Her Mother's name is Anna Maria Schwinger Stein, and her Mother's name is Ida Neubert Stein. That is, of course, my Great Grear Grandmother and it is as far back as I can go. She was born in the 1830's in Glouchou Germany. Glouchou is a small town in South Eastern Germany near the Checkoslovakian border. She married a weaver. He worked a large loom and made material for dresses etc. (Wilhelm Stein) My Great Grandmother Anna Maria Stein was born May 3, 1860 in Glauchou and raised there. She was confirmed there on May 26, 1874.

Ida Pettersen, who is my Grandmother, and who's father was Emil Ernest Schwinger, and his Mother was Rosalia Natalia Mehues. She was born in Brandt by Frieburg. She married a miner named Friedrich Schwinger, and on Sept. 17, 1861 in Brandt my Great Grandfather was born. Ernest Emil Schwinger entered the army and attained the rank of sargent. After his release he stayed in the reserve. Long after this he became a shoemaker and then a mailman and somehow ended up in Glouchou where he met and married Anna Maria Stein, and on June 6, 1886 my Grandmother, Lena Ida Schwinger was born. My Grandmothers time was a time of horses and carts, kerosene lamps, coal stoves and cobblestone streets. It was also a time without most of the luxuries of today. My Grand mother had two dresses and a pair shoes. One of her weekly chores was to clean the chimmies on the lamps and refill them with kerosene. When she was confirmed she got a new dress and her father mad her shoes for her. She went to school for eighr years and graduated at 15, only rich people went on to semenaries. One incident that stands out in her memory is the day the Kaiser was in town to review the troops. Each year the Army Reserve gathered in Glouchou, and each family was required to

house one soldier.

Not much is known about Grandfather's (my Mother's father) early life. He was born on Feb. 13 1887 inChristiania (now known as Oslo) Norway. His parents names were Hand and Johana Pettersen. He came from a large family seven children. Four boys and three girls. Grandfathers name was Frank Oscar Pettersen.

My Grandfather worked in a textile factory making elastic bands. For some reason, just after the turn of the century, he went to Glouchau. He had the same type of job there and it was there that he met my Grandmother, and on January 8, 1909 they were married.

In 1907 my Grandmother's Father died. It was the seventh of Oct. and he was only 46 years old. In 1908 her mother died, Dec. 30, 1908. She was 48 years, 6 mos. and 3 weeks 6 days old, according to the old documents. All of the families money was left to my Grandmother and her being the oldest child.

After she was married my Grandfather took this money and started his own business. He went bankrupt around 1913. During this time my Uncle Hand was born (Aug. 4, 1909), and my Uncle Ralph was born Feb. 10, 1913. After his business failure my Grandfather decided to start again in America. He was in vaudville in Germany with his brother Victor and had heard great things from another brother William in American. In 1913 my Grandfather, Grandmother the two boys and my Grandmother's sisther and her boyfriend left for the United States and Rockford, Ill.

From 1913 to 1917 they had several houses they lived in. They lived with Uncle William on sixth street most of the time. In 1917 my Grandfather bought a brand new house, one block north of his brother's house. That house stands right next to ours, and 57 years later my Grandmother is still living thre. In 1920 my Grandfather got a good job with the Barber Colman Co. and stayed there until

his retirement in 1952. His brother William left for Milwaukee in 1920 and soon went back to Norway not to return to the United States until 1970 for a visit. In 1920 my Mother was born.

Little is known of my Dads fathers side of the family. His father, John B. Kjellquist (Kallkvist) was born in 1879 in Tbro Sweden. His mother Hilda Larson was born in 1881 in Mariestad Sweden. Her father was a farmer, his father worked on a railroad. She worked in a creamery. He learned a cabinet Makers trade. They met in Sweden. They were married here in 1908. In 1913 my father Everett John Kjellquist was born. In 1917 his mother Hilda Larson died of an apoplexy. She was 36. My Dad remembers being lifted up to see his mother in the casket, and the horse drawn hearse.

My father's brother, Eddie, was only five months old at the time and my Grandfather didn't feel he could take care of the baby, so his sister and brother-in-law Esther and John Sandeen adopted Eddie.

My fathers older brother Einar, and his father went from house to house, from one Aunt and Uncle to another renting a room until the one got tired of them and moved on to another. My father went to several grade schools and after graduating from Rockford Center High School. In 1929 the family lived seperate from the relatives. Two things that Dad remembers about his childhood are always being the smallest boy in the class, and always fighting usualy ending the ones his brother started. He graduated in 1929 and in 1930 started on apprenticeship program at Barber Colman. It didn't last long however. He was laid off and spent much of the depression at a gas station. He alos worked a while at J.L. Clark Co. before being called back to Colmans.

My Mother went to P.A. Peterson grade school asdid my sister and myself. She remembers that they lived quite well during the 20's, but without much of our modern conveniences. To take a bath, for

example, you filled the tub full of cold water, then you went down the basement lit the coal stove put on two buckets of water and when the water was hot carried them upstairs and put them in the tub with the cold water. She remembers horse drawn ice wagons, the wood stove in the kitchen, an excellent place to dry clothes in the winter, was to hang them in the kitchen. Mother was in third grade when the tornado hit Rockford. She remembers how all the children went down stairs, but their class. The teacher said there was no need for it so they stayed on the third floor, and after the noise, mother said, there wasn't a window left in the room. Mom's time was also the time of the street cars. People would drive down the tracks with their cars lining their wheels up with tracks, and Uncle said "you could go like" well pretty fast. All of 35 anyhow. Mom went to Lincoln Junior High School and Central High School during the depression. Grandfather worked two and three days a week. Mom walked to school, wore shoes forever and a day, and wore her aunts remade dresses. It was also a time of prohibition when Grandmother made beer in the kitchen.

My parents were married in 1940 they moved into our house in 1942 and in 1944 my sister was born. By this time my Dad had learned his trade (tool and die Maker), and my parents were the happy average middle class family. For the past 32 years my parents have been planning to move, I doubt the ever will. In 1956 my Dad finally got his son, and as soon as he found out Mom had a baby boy he proudly named him Everett John Kjellquist Junior. In 1960 my sister entered East High School and I P.A. Peterson School. In 1963 my sister Karen went off to college. She was married in 1965 and now lives in Cali, Colombia, So. America

In 1968 I left grade school for Jefferson Junior High School. In 1970 I entered Jefferson Junior High School and in 1971 it became a Senior High School, I think anyway, I spent six years there. May Dad who has worked now at Barber Colman for 44 years got me in as an apprenticeship program there, after I graduated from High School. I soon found out the shop wasn't quite the place for me. So here I am at Rock Valley College.

KLEMM, MARK ALFRED, 1954-

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1. Your name Mark Klemm
   Date of form May 7, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   _x_ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.
   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) _x_ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   _x_ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, K
   _x_ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) _x_ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind. Ill. Wis.)
   _x_ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
   _x_ Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.
   _x_ Farming ___ Mining ___ Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business _x_ Manufacturing
   _x_ Professions _x_ Industrial labor ___ Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discusse in this paper have belonged.
   ___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational _x_ Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon _x_ Other Protestant ___ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?
   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews ___ Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ___ Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian _x_ Other Germans

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?
   _x_ Interviews with other family members _x_ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   _x_ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Alfred Arthur Klemm Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death January 16, 1971

Place of birth Chicago Date of Birth May 27, 1888

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Coke mill worker	Dates 1912-1917	1st Chicago	Dates _____
2nd Arc welder	Dates 1917-1952	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Lutheran, later Christian Reform

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois date Sept. 7, 1916

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Louise Agusta (Doster) Klemm Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death July 7, 1967

Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth July 11, 1895

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Saleslady	Dates 1910-16	1st Chicago	Dates 1916 on
2nd Housewife	Dates 1916-1967	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois DATE Sept. 7, 1916

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

randfather (your mother's side)

ame William Christopher Schirmer Current Residence St. Francis, Kansas
f dead, date of death

lace of birth Ottensen, Germany Date of birth December 11, 1889
ducation (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Farmer Dates 1910-1963 1st St. Francis, Kansas Dates 1914-present
nd Dates 2nd Dates
rd Dates 3rd Dates
th Dates 4th Dates

eligion Lutheran
olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Lutheran Laymans League

lace of marriage to your grandmother St. Francis, Kansas date Feb. 18, 1915
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

randmother (your mother's side)

ame Marie E. (Wilkening) Schirmer Current Residence
f dead, date of death June 5, 1965

lace of birth Reipen, Germany Date of birth March 2, 1890
ducation (number of years)
grade school 8 high school vocational college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Housewife Dates 1915-1965 1st St. Francis, Kansas Dates 1914-1965
nd Dates 2nd Dates
rd Dates 3rd Dates

eligion Lutheran
olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Ladies Aid, Sewing Club

lace of marriage to your grandfather St. Francis, Kansas date Feb. 18 1915
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

. Name Robert Daniel Klemm
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date May 21, 1921
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Electrical Engineer
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

. Name Louise Agusta (Klemm) Schmidt
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date Feb. 26, 1918
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Minot, North Dakota Marital Status Married
Number of children 6

. Name William Arthur Klemm
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date December 11, 1919
Number of years of schooling Occupation Professor
Residence Fort Wayne, Indiana Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

. Name Martin Gerhardt Klemm
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date March 11, 1923
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Truck Driver
Residence Lansing, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

. Name Marie Elanor (Klemm) Watson
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date December 6, 1924
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Lansing, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

. Name Ruth Elizabeth (Klemm) Taliaferro
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date January 6, 1928
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Hannibal, Missouri Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

7. Name Frederick Raymond Klemm
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date August 29, 1929
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Tool & Die Maker
Residence Calumet City, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

8. Name Arnold Alfred Klemm
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date July 16, 1931
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Chemical Technician
Residence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

9. Name Esther Elizabeth (Klemm) Heidepriem
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date May 4, 1935
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Housewife
Residence Raleigh, North Carolina Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

10. Name Paula Loraine (Klemm) Brown
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date April 4, 1939
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Housewife
Residence Kearny, Nebraska Marital Status Married
Number of children 8

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Anna Margaret (Schirmer) Klemm
Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas date December 2, 1920
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 4

2. Name Martha Louise (Schirmer) Zweygardt
Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas date March 2, 1916
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Housewife
Residence St. Francis, Kansas Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

3. Name Henry Fredrick Schirmer
Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas date March 15, 1918
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Farmer
Residence St. Francis, Kansas Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

4. Name Vanieda Rose (Schirmer) Eichstadt
Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas date May 8, 1923
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Housewife
Residence Woolsey, South Dakota Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

5. Name Erna Sophie (Schirmer) Blume
Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas date April 11, 1926
Number of years of schooling 8 Occupation Housewife
Residence Goodland, Kansas Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Robert Daniel Klemm Current Residence Rockford, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth May 21, 1921
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college 4

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)		
1st Army medic	Dates 1941-1945		1st In the army	Dates 1941-194	
2nd Electrician	Dates 1946-1951		2nd Whiting, Indiana	Dates 1946-195	
3rd Electrical Engineer	Dates 1951-present		3rd Cedarville, Illinois	Dates 1951-195	
4th	Dates		4th Freeport, Illinois	Dates 1953-196	
			5th Rockford, Illinois	1963-19	

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Lutheran Laymans League, Evangelist, NRA
Place of marriage to your mother Denver, Colorado date Feb. 2, 1946
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Anna Margaret (Schirmer) Klemm Current Residence Rockford, Illinois
If dead, date of death

Place of birth St. Francis, Kansas Date of birth December 2, 1920
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Candy maker	Dates 1938		1st Denver, Colorado	Dates 1939-1946
2nd Maid	Dates 1939-1946		2nd Whiting, Indiana	Dates 1946-1949
3rd Housewife	Dates 1946-now		3rd Angola, Indiana	Dates 1949-1951

Religion Lutheran
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Lutheran Womens Mission League, Republican
Place of marriage to your father Denver, Colorado date Feb. 2, 1946
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

ILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

me Mark Alfred Klemm
ace of birth Freeport, Illinois Date of birth August 27, 1954
mber of years of schooling 14 Occupation Student
sidence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
mber of children 0

me Daniel Robert Klemm
ace of birth Angola, Indiana Date of birth June 15, 1949
mber of years of schooling 15 Occupation Store manager
sidence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status Married
mber of children 1

me Margaret Anne Klemm
ace of birth St. Francis, Kansas Date of birth August 30, 1951
mber of years of schooling 17 Occupation Student
sidence Urbana, Illinois Marital Status Single
mber of children 0

me Paul William Klemm
lace of birth Freeport, Illinois Date of birth June 23, 1956
mber of years of schooling 12 Occupation Student
sidence Rockford, Illinois Marital Status Single
mber of children 0

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lace of birth Date of birth
umber of years of schooling Occupation
esidence Marital Status
umber of children

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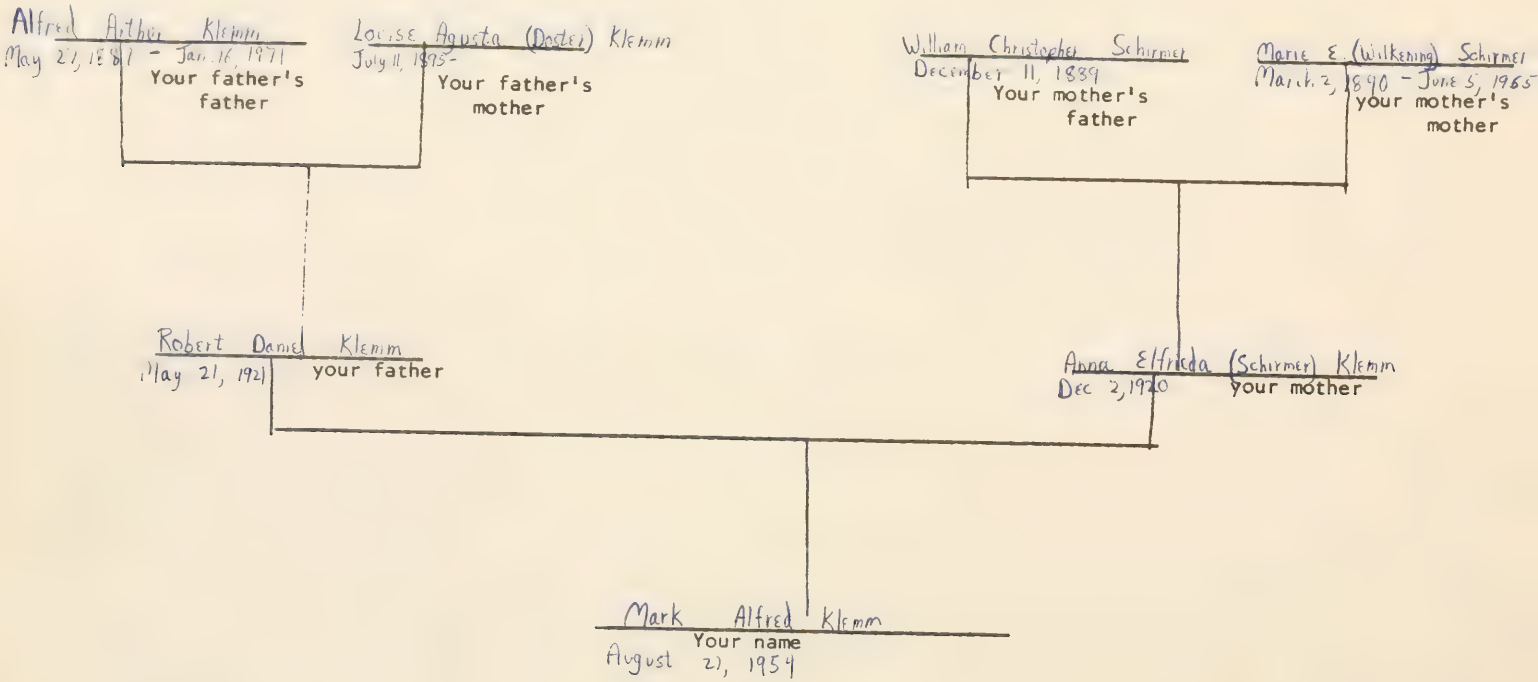
Signed Mark Klemm

Date May 7, 1974

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART

(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



SOURCES FOR INFORMATION

Interviews;

My mother

My father

My Aunt Louise

People to whom I wrote;

My cousin Uwe in Germany

My Aunt Martha

Marie E. Wilkening was born on March 2, 1890, in [illegible]en, Germany. She was raised by her mother, Wilhelmine, and her stepfather Carl Schlutler. Her real father, Fredrick Wilkening, left for America before she was born because her mother's parents wouldn't allow them to get married. I wasn't able to find out the reason why. She had three half sisters, Sophie, Minna and Henny, and two half brothers, Fritz and August. After a basic education of about six years, she went to work and live on a big farm as a maidservant. The farm must have employed many people, for that's where she met my grandfather.

William Christopher Schirmer was born on December 11, 1889, in Ottensen, Germany. He never said much about his youth except that his father, Carl Schirmer, was a woodcutter in the Black forest who died when William was 11. He had one brother and two sisters, none of whose names I could find out. He also had a mere elementary education after which he worked as a hired hand on the farm where he met my grandmother. Marie had kept in touch with her father over in America, who sent them money to come over and get married, which they did. They married on February 18, 1915 in Zion Lutheran Church at a German- Russian settlement called Jacqua, which was later renamed St. Francis, which is located in the extreme northwest corner of Kansas. They hadn't planned on staying in America, but the war broke out in 1914 right after they came over and they never went back to Germany or saw any of their relatives who lived over there again.

They settled on a farm in a small house where they had a girl, Martha and a boy, Henry. After a few years they moved to a bigger house where my mother and her two younger sisters, Vanieda and Erna were born. In 1926 they moved to what is the present day farm where their son Henry and his wife and daughter live today. The other houses have been torn down and the only other house that still stands is the small two room house that my grandma's dad lived in until he died on March 7, 1939, after living the life of a farmer and never marrying. All of the houses were located pretty close together, not being more than a few miles away from each other. My grandpa was mainly a wheat farmer who also grew hay and feed for his cattle and hogs. My grandma was a farmwife who raised four daughters and one son and kept chickens, she even worked in the fields when her help was needed. The depression hit them pretty hard, but they never destroyed any crops or killed any of their cattle because that was wasting precious food, and to people who had worked and saved everything they could all their life, such wasting was considered an unthinkable sin. My grandpa did put land in the land bank, though. But the dust bowl affected them in a more direct way. My mom remembers how dust storms would make things so dark out that she could look directly at the sun at midday, and the dust would get all over the recently cleaned house, oftentimes making her mother cry. But in all, things went pretty much the same on the farm

until the forties, when machinery took the place of horses and mules. Both my grandparents worked extremely hard to scratch out a living in the prairie until they retired to a small house in St. Francis in 1965. My grandma died of a stroke on June 5, 1965 and is buried about one mile south of where she first lived when she came to Kansas. Shortly after she died, my grandpa moved to a nursing home in St. Francis where he is presently living, the only grandparent I have who is still alive.

Alfred Arthur Klemm was born on May 27, 1888 in Chicago's south side. He was the oldest of eight children born to two German immigrants, Fred Klemm, who was a school teacher, and Agusta Klemm, a housewife. He had four brothers; Frank, John, Bill, and Ben, and three sisters, Tillie, Emma, and Bertie. There was a boy, Charles, who was born before my grandpa, but he died in infancy. My grandpa had a simple grammar school education before going out and working at odd jobs. He used to tell me of all the good times he had with his brothers and friends roaming around the "wide open spaces" of south Chicago. He was a very good swimmer, being taught by his father who would throw him in the water and pull him out if he started to sink. My grandpa said that he learned very quickly with this method. He also collected guns and books, he was an avid reader, a trait which he carried with him for the rest of his life.

In his twenties he worked in the coke mills until he married my grandmother after which he became an arc welder for Standard Oil.

Louise Agusta Doster was born on July 11, 1895. She was the second child of four, having one older sister, Amalia, a younger sister Elanor, and a younger brother William who was killed in a motorcycle accident when he was 18. Her father, John Doster, was a butcher who also came from Germany, and her mother, Louise was from Buffalo, New York. She too was born and raised on the south side of Chicago with a basic education, after which she worked in a clothing store until she married my grandpa on September 7 1916. They were married in St. Stevens Lutheran Church, after which they lived the rest of their life in south Chicago, raising 10 children. I can't really say that they settled, because my grandpa always rented, and he never stayed at one place for very long. My dad remembers moving about ten times, sometimes just down the street or a few blocks away. I guess my grandpa would always find something wrong about the place that they were living, or he didn't like the way the landlord looked at him, there was always some small reason. They never owned their own house until 1945 when a lot of children were already on their own, the youngest being six. I remember both of them pretty well. Grandpa was a stern willed person who was never afraid to voice his opinion on anything. My grandma never said much, she just worried about

the things that grandmothers usually worry about, whether everyone was in good health or had enough to eat, things like that. She never took the leading role, that was the man's job. She just packed up the kids and moved on when grandpa wanted to. They were both Lutherans, just like my mom's folks, until the later years when my grandpa changed to Christian Reform. Even though they were poor, they always found a way to make ends meet, my grandpa was too proud to ever accept any kind of charity. They both possesed the same kind of hard working, Lutheran ethic beliefs that my mother's parents had, the only difference being that they lived in a different type of environment.

My mother, Anna Alfrieda Margaret Kleam, was born on December 2, 1920 on a small farm located southwest of St. Francis, a city in northwestern Kansas. She has an older sister Martha, who is married to Gus Zweigardt and has two children, Ruth and Glenn and four grandchildren, Susan and John, Ruth's children, and Charise and Rena, Glenn's children. Martha lives on a farm just northwest of St. Francis. She also has an older brother, Henry, whose wife's name is Delores, and their daughter, Relda. They live on the farm where my mother grew up on. She has a younger sister Vanieda, whose husband's name is Paul Eichstadt, with two boys, Jim and Kent. They live in Woolsey, South Dakota on a cattle ranch. Her youngest sister, Erna, is married to a man named Dean Blume, with a daughter Linda and a son Roger. She also has two grandchildren, Richard and Jeffrey, Linda's children. They live in Goodland, Kansas, about 25 miles south of St. Francis. My mom was raised on a farm by two German immigrants. She knew how to speak German before she knew English, which she learned when she went to school. Her family was never very rich, but they never went hungry either. There were plenty responsibilities with living on a farm. She had to take care of the garden, milk cows, feed chickens, gather eggs, keep the house clean, and all the other chores that's generally regarded as women's work. The most was expected from her brother, Henry, who had to help his father out in the fields most of the time, what with him being the only boy and them not being able to afford hired help.

But life wasn't just hard work. The pace of life in the western plains was slow and unhurried, and having three sisters meant there was always someone to play baseball, tag, hide-and-seek and other games with. Holidays like Christmas and Easter were good times to get together friends and relatives, my mom's grandfather Wilkening and her distant cousins who were also Wilkenings. Sunday dinners were also good times to feast, eating some of their chickens or beef that they raised. Occasionaly they would have a pig butchered and have a pig roast. Their grandpa Wilkening would come over for dinner regularly except when it was too cold or when he was ill. Then my mom or one of her sisters would bring it to him. A lot of my mother's social life centered around the church, Zion Lutheran Church in such ways as church mission festivals, pot luck suppers, church choir, and such things as baptisims and confirmations. She was confirmed in German at the age of fourteen. In the 20's, before the depression, the crops were pretty good, but the depression combined with the numerous dust storms made the land look pretty wasted for awhile. My mom went to a one room school house for her eight years of elementary school. There was a high school in town, but her father felt that any more school was merely a waste of time, especially for a girl. She stayed and worked on the farm for a few years before she went to work in St. Francis in a candy store and as a housekeeper, living with the people she kept house for and coming home for the weekends. At the age of 19 she moved to Denver Colorado

because there was really nothing for her on the farm, future wise. She took the job of a maid at the house of a vice-president of a gas & electric company, living there and being a sort of governess to his children. She took part in YWCA activities and she took a few trips to the Rocky mountains that were so near. She also remained active in the church, Grace Lutheran, where she met my dad one night when she was helping to serve a meal for servicemen who were stationed in Denver.

Robert Daniel Alexander, my father, was born on May 21, 1921 in Chicago. He has an older sister Louise, who is married to Fred Schmidt and has five sons, Fredrick, Carl, Richard, Roland, and John, and one daughter, Louise. They live in Minot, North Dakota on a farm. He has an older brother, William, who isn't married and lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana and is a professor of chemistry at Indiana Institute of Technology. He has a younger brother Martin who lives in Lansing, Illinois with his wife Judy and his four children, Ronnie, Christene, Maxine, and David. He drives a bread truck for Tip Top bakeries. He has another sister Marie, who is married to Tom Watson with four daughters, Tammy, Gail, Debbie, and Diane. Diane is married with a daughter named Vicky. Another sister is Ruth, who is married to a man named Bob Taliaferro and lives in Hannibal, Missouri with four children. Mary, Elizabeth, who is married with a daughter, Jean, Danny, and Carrie. Another brother is Fredrick who lives in Calumet City, Illinois with his wife Marlene and his three

daughters Susan, Judy and Kim. He works as a tool and die maker. Another brother Arnold, lives in Chicago with his wife Karen and their two sons, Arnold and Karl. Arnold works as a chemical technician. Esther is another sister who who lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with her husband, Paul Heidepriem and their three children, Paul, Priscilla and Eric. My dad's youngest sister's name is Paula who lives with her husband, George Brown in Kearny, Nebraska with her six children, George, David, Karen, Julie, Linda and Barbra. All those children kept my dad's mom busy taking care of kids and my dad's dad busy working at Standard Oil feeding 10 children including his wife and himself. They didn't have much material wealth, but they never missed the things that they didn't have. My dad was always into music, he made a violin which worked pretty well for a while and he played the tuba in the high school band. His family was pretty church oriented, going to Bethlehem church and Bethlehem elementary school. There were always a lot of cousins and relatives to get together with whenever there were baptisms, confirmations and later on weddings. My dad's grandpa Klemm and his Aunt Emma would come over every Thursday night to visit with the family. Vacations consisted of my grandpa taking all the older children downtown to the museum, and Lake Michigan, taking the subways because my grandpa never owned a car. After my dad graduated from Bowen High School, he went to work at some menial job at Standard Oil where his father worked. Going to college was out of the question, because the money just wasn't

there. So while my dad was still living at home, he gave his mother half of his paycheck. When he was 20, the draft got him and he went into the army, working as a medic and a cook. He was stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas, MaComb, Illinois, Modesto, California, and Denver, Colorado, where he met my mother. They kept in touch with each other after he was shipped overseas to England and France, and they decided to get married after the war. They got married at Grace Lutheran Church on February 2, 1946, afterward living in Whiting Indiana with my dad's Uncle Frank. My dad went back to work at Standard Oil first as an electricians helper, then as an electrician and later as a lineman. After working there a couple years, my dad decided to go back to school. He started college at Tri State College in Angola, Indiana under the G. I. bill and managed to cram 4 years into 2½. During that time my older brother was born on June 15, 1949. While my dad was finishing up school in the summer of 1951, my mom went out to Kansas and had my sister, Margaret on August 30, 1951. After she came back, they rented a house in Cedarville, Illinois and my dad went to work at Fairbanks Morse in Freeport which was five miles away. During this time my dad bought some land in Freeport and decided to build a house there, which he helped to design and build. They moved into the house in the fall of 1953, and next August, the 27th, I was born. Two years later on June 23, 1956, my younger brother Paul was born. We lived in Freeport for about 10 years, so us kids did a lot of growing up there. We attended Redeemer Lutheran Church and went to Emmanuel Lutheran School.

There were a lot of kids in the neighborhood, plenty to play baseball, cops and robbers, and all the other good things that kids so often play. Some of our relatives lived in Freeport, so a visit from them was a pretty big affair. We would go out to the parks and have picnics, or we would go fishing or swimming. Those days seem so carefree, days were made up of playing and having good times, even school wasn't that bad of a place to be, homework wasn't nearly as bad as it can get to be nowadays. Fairbanks Morse moved to Beloit in 1963 so my dad got a job at Barber Coleman and we moved to Rockford. We rented a big house on Reynolds street for close to a year before my parents bought the house that we presently occupy. We went to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School for the remaining years of grammar school, and afterwards to West High School where all of us kids graduated from except Paul who will this year. After a few years, Barber Coleman started to lay off a lot of people, my dad being one of them, so he got a job at Warner Brake and Clutch Company, designing brakes. My brother Dan had two years of school at Rock Valley College and one year at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso Indiana. He is now working at a health food store in Berwin Illinois and he is getting married to a girl named Leslie in a few weeks. My sister Margaret is in her fifth year at University of Illinois majoring in the harp. I am in my second year at Rock Valley majoring in Geo logy. My mother is getting her high school diploma at Hall school at the present time. A few years ago my dad bought some land out at Lake Summerset

and he plans to build a house out there in the future, maybe not until after he retires. In the more recent years it seems that we don't see a whole lot of our relatives, all the cousins are busy growing up and moving away and getting married and making their own families, but the rememberances of each other when we were younger will remain.

KOBISCHKA, BRIAN L 1954-

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Date of form May 6, 1974

. Your college: Rock Valley College
Rockford, Illinois

. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

____ Before 1750 ____ 1750-1800 ____ 1800-1850
____ 1850-1900 x 1900 or later

. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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____ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ____ (Hawaii, Alaska)

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x Farming ____ Mining x Shopkeeping or small business
____ Transportation ____ Big Business x Manufacturing
____ Professions x Industrial labor ____ Other

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____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ____ Lutheran
____ Quaker ____ Mormon ____ Other Protestant ____ Other

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____ Jews ____ Central Europeans ____ Italians ____ Slavs
____ Irish ____ British x Native Americans over several generations
____ East Asian ____ Other

. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

x Interviews with other family members x Family Bibles ____ Family Genealogies
x Vital Records x Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
x Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Fred Kobischka (Kopischka) Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death June 29, 1962

Place of birth Canada Date of Birth July 12, 1896

Education (number of years):
grade school NA high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Road gang worker	Dates 1919	1st Walworth, Wis.	Dates 1920
2nd Factory work Hunthelm & Ferris (Harvard Wis.)	Dates 1925	2nd Harvard, Ill.	Dates 1920
3rd J.I. Case (factory)	Dates 1927-29 1933-36	3rd Elkhorn, Wis.	Dates 1921-1923
4th Ebaloys (factory)	Dates 1941- ?	4th Harvard, Ill.	Dates 1923-1927
		5th Rockford, Ill	Dates 1927-1962

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. U.A.W. member

Republican

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Woodstock, Ill date May 1, 1920

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Myrtle Kobischka ~~(LaBree)~~ (Carey) Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death November 21, 1973

Place of birth Sharon Wisconsin Date of birth Sept. 25, 1903

Education (number of years):
grade school 7 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Housewife	Dates 1920-1962	1st same as above.	Dates
2nd	Dates	2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican,
Blind Center member

Place of marriage to your grandfather Woodstock, Ill. DATE May 1, 1920

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

andfather (your mother's side)

me Raymond McCabe Current Residence Rockford
dead, date of death

ace of birth Harvard, Ill Date of birth May 8, 1904
ucation (number of years):
rade school 8 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
t steamfitter	Dates 1926-1930	1st	Harvard, Ill.	Dates 1924-1926
d truck driver	Dates 1931-1936	2nd	Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1926-1936
~~automo mechanic~~ d ~~bar tender~~ sheet metal	Dates 1937-1955	3rd	Marengo, Ill.	Dates 1936-1944
n cabinet assy. man	Dates 1955-1969	4th	Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1944-1972
		5th	Rockford, Ill.	Dates 1972-present

ligion Catholic
litical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat
Steamfitters union - Teamsters local 705
ace of marriage to your grandmother Chicago date May 8, 1930
te: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~ give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

andmother (your mother's side)

me Lillian McCabe (Streit) Current Residence Deceased
dead, date of death May 27, 1949

ace of birth LaFox, Ill. Date of birth Dec.21, 1908
ucation (number of years)
rade school 8 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
t Housemaid	Dates 1928-1930	1st	Rockford, Ill.	Dates 1928-1930
d Housewife	Dates 1930-1949	2nd	Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1926-1936
d	Dates	3rd	Marengo, Ill.	Dates 1936-1944
		4th	Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1944-1949

ligion Catholic
litical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

ace of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Ill. date May 8, 1930
te: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Clifford Kobischka
Place of birth Elkhorn, Wis. date March 10, 1921
Number of years of schooling Occupation sanitation district employee
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children 2

Name Fred Kobischka
Place of birth Harvard, Ill date March 24, 1923
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Deceased Marital Status married when killed
Number of children 1

Name Edwin Kobischka
Place of birth Harvard, Ill date July , 1925
Number of years of schooling Occupation Inspector, photographer
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children 1

Name Arlene Moore
Place of birth Harvard, Ill. date Sept. 3, 1927
Number of years of schooling Occupation machinist
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children 2

Name Donald Kobischka (father)
Place of birth Rockford, Ill date Dec. 25, 1929
Number of years of schooling Occupation machinist
Residence Rockford Marital Status married
Number of children 3

Name Mary Lou Kleindl
Place of birth Rockford date July 1, 1931
Number of years of schooling Occupation machine attendant
Residence North Park, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 2

Name Gerald Kobischka
Place of birth Rockford date June 7, 1933
Number of years of schooling Occupation inspector
Residence Chilicothe, Ill. Marital Status married
Number of children 4

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

LDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

: Mary Nelson
ce of birth Chicago, Ill. date June 2, 1931
ber of years of schooling 10 Occupation machinist
idence Byron, Ill Marital Status married
ber of children 4

e Lillian Kobischka (mother)
ce of birth Chicago, Ill date Aug. 12, 1933
ber of years of schooling 11 Occupation machine attendant
idence Rockford, Ill Marital Status married
ber of children 3

e Raymond McCabe Jr. (Buzzy)
ce of birth Marengo, Ill date July 12, 1938
ber of years of schooling 11 Occupation bartender
idence Byron, Ill. Marital Status divorced
ber of children 1

e John McCabe
ce of birth Marengo, Ill. date Jan. 2, 1943
ber of years of schooling 11 Occupation
dence Wisconsin Marital Status married
ber of children 2

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ce of birth date
ber of years of schooling Occupation
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r Father

e Donald Kobischka Current Residence Rockford
dead, date of death

ce of birth Rockford Date of birth Dec. 25, 1929
cation (number of years)
ade school 9 high school 0 vocational 0 college 0

upation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

paperboy Dates 1940-1942 1st Sharon, Wis. Dates 1943-1944
pinsetter Dates 1942-1943 2nd Rockford, Ill. Dates 1944-pres.
factory helper Dates 1945-1946 3rd Dates
machinist Dates 1946-pres. 4th Dates

igion Methodist

itical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat but votes for man not party--- Boy's Club

ce of marriage to your mother Byron, Ill date Nov. 8, 1950

E: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

r Mother

e Lillian Kobischka Current Residence Rockford
dead, date of death

ce of birth Chicago, Ill. Date of birth Aug. 12, 1933
cation (number of years)
ade school 9 high school 2 vocational 0 college 0

upation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

store clerk Dates 1st Rockford, Ill Dates 1950-pres.
waittress Dates 1949-1950 2nd Dates
factory work Dates 3rd Dates

igion Catholic - turned Methodist

itical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

ce of marriage to your father Byron, Ill. date Nov. 8, 1950

E: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

REN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Brian Kobischka
of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth Sept. 28, 1954
r of years of schooling 14 Occupation student
ence Rockford Marital Status single
r of children 0

Brenda Kobischka
of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth June 9, 1956
r of years of schooling 12 Occupation student
ence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status single
r of children 0

Bruce Kobischka
of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth June 22, 1957
r of years of schooling 10 Occupation student
ence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status single
r of children 0

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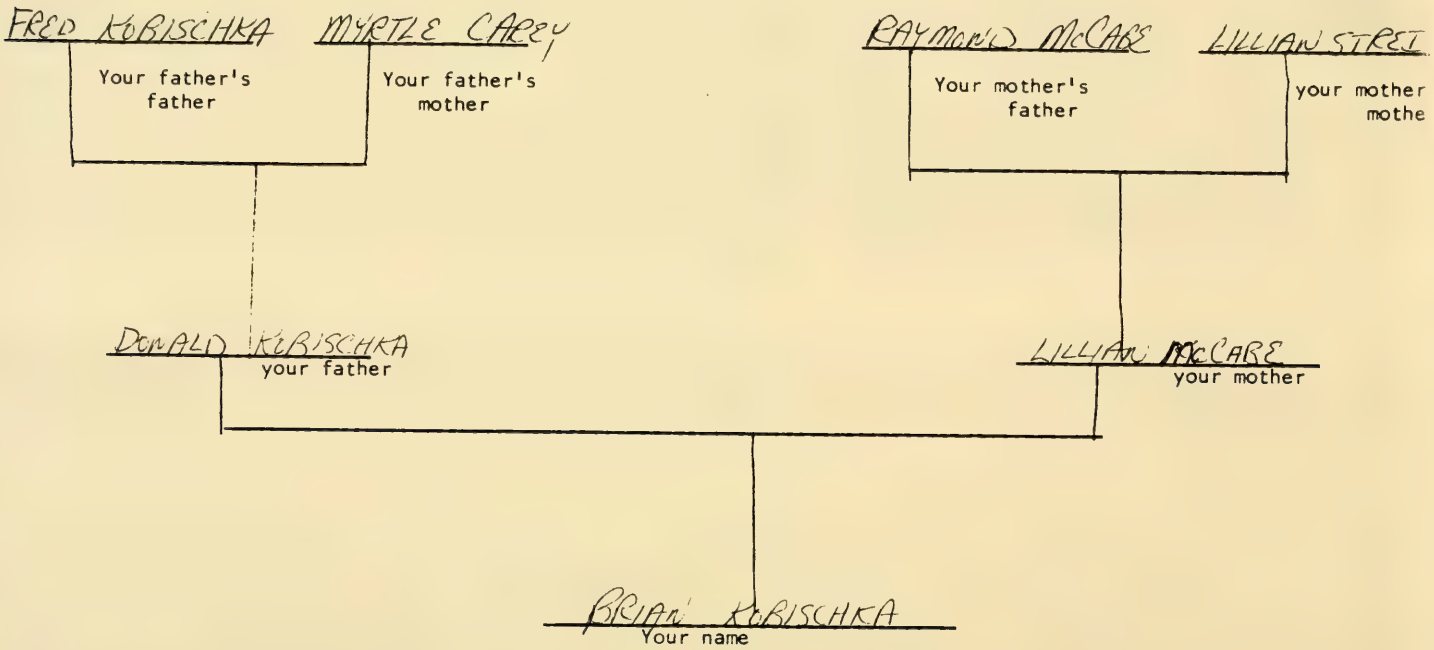
. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois.

Signed Brian J. Kobischka

Date May 6, 1974

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Myrtle Kobischka (Carey) 9-25-1903 -- 11-21-73

Myrtle Kobischka was born on a dairy farm just outside of Sharon, Wisconsin. Her parents were Bert Carey and Ida Foot. The farm that she lived on had been homesteaded by her grandparents and then passed down the family. Myrtle was the oldest of four girls in the family. Her sisters are Birdena Streit, Jennie Nelson and Alta Messenger.

As a child my grandmother went to a small country school in Shoron, Wis. While she was still young (9) her father passed away. After this happened her family stayed on the farm for only one more year. All of the farming was done by manual labor so without a man and since the girls were so young it was hard to keep the farm up. In 1913 the family moved to a tenant house in Sharon while waiting for their own house to be built in Walworth Wis. It was less than a year before the family was able to move into their new house.

While living in Walworth my grandmother continued her schooling. Since school was not mandatory and my grandmother hated school, she dropped out after the seventh grade. Myrtle helped around the house but never had to get a job. In 1918 Myrtle's mother remarried to Pearl LaBrec, making life a little nicer with a man around.

The family during Myrtle's years at home could probably be considered low-middle class. Their income was sufficient to supply most of the essentials but rarely were 'extras' seen. Being raised on a dairy farm, Myrtle and her sisters had acquired

a taste for butter and it was readily available. However when they moved off of the farm and into town it became too expensive to use butter so they had to switch to 'Oleo' despite their dislike for it.

As far as religion goes, the family was raised as Methodists and occasionally attended a Methodist church in Delevan Wis. However it was hard to get to church because of the distance and the lack of transportation. Church attendance was made easier when the family purchased their first car, a 1919 Overland.

My grandmother's family was strongly Republican because they were a farming family. Their Republican support was also bolstered because Myrtle's grandfather had been a Republican county official.

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Fred Kobischka (Kopischka) 7-12-1896 -- 6-29-1962

Very little information was available on my grandfather before he was married. Fred was born in Toronto, Onterio Canada.and sometime while in his youth his family moved to a farm in Lake City, Michigan. His last name was actually Kopischka however sometime before he got married he changed it to Kobischka. Apparently this was never done legally because I found a document indicating the sale of land that he owned in Mich. signed Kopischka dated 1938. Maybe he decided to change it when he left Mich. and had to resort back to it for official documents in Michigan. The land he owned was 60 acres

of timbered land with no buildings on it. Somehow about 1919 Fred became employed as a road constructionist with a road gang near Walworth, Wisconsin. This is when and where my grandperents met.

MY PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

After a short courtship my grandparents were married in Woodstock, Ill. on May 1, 1920. For a short time they lived with my grandmother's parents. Before long though, they had their own appartment in Harvard, Ill. The burden of paying rent became too much. My grandmothers parents had since moved to a farm in Elkhorn, Wis. My grandparents then moved to this farm to reduce their expenses. It was on the farm in 1921 that they had their first child, Clifford.

While living on this farm prohibition was in effect. Consequently a still was set up in the back room to satisfy their thirsts. The final product was called 'rasian mash' and a pot of raisans were often let to ferment behind their old pot bellied stove. The women of the household were always skeptical of visitors for they were afraid of being caught. This 'raisan mash' was used for only household consumption and was never sold.

My grandparents decided to try and make it on their own so they left the farm and moved to Lake City, Mich. This didn't last long and money had to be sent just to get them back to the farm. Again after a short time they went on their own. This time they didn't go so far away as they rented a small house

in Harvard, Ill. Here my grandfather was able to get a job as a molder in a farm equipment manufacturer, Hunthelm and Ferris. While living in Harvard the family was enlarged with the addition of three children - Fred Jr., Edwin and Arlene.

In late 1927 my grandparents and family moved to Rockford, Ill. for work. My grandfather found a job at J.I.Case, another farm equipment manufacturing company. In late 1929 many people were laid off from Case Co. and my grandfather was one of them. Here is where big problems start for the family. Three more children were born,Donald(Father), Mary Lou and Gerald all within the drought of the depression and with none working. However in late 1933 my grandfather was rehired by J.I. Case Co.

The family situation grew worse in 1936 when my grandmother went blind. She spent nine months in the hospital, three inChicago and six in Rockford. While my grandmother was in the hospital, her children often stayed with my grandmothers sister and her husband - Chuck and Birdena Streit. It just so happens that Chuck Streit is my mother's mother's brother (my maternal grandmother's brother). Strangely enough my mother lived with the Chuck Streit family the same time that my father did but they were both too young to remember.

Here I must explain a fact about my grandfather. During his life he had become an alcoholic. As in most cases it is the family that suffers most. Most times the family wasn't together and the family, especially the children experienced great hardships.

Another tragedy struck the family on May 23, 1944. My grandparent's second oldest son, Fred Jr. was killed in action on Anzio Beach, Italy during WW II. After his death his picture was placed all over the factory of his civilian employment (Ebaleys) with the caption saying 'He gave his life, What have you done for your country?' Fred Sr. had also been working at Ebaleys of Rockford which produced airplane parts for the war effort. A copy of a letter will appear later in which Fred Jr. while in the service writes to Fred Sr. and refers to Ebaleys.

Despite all of the hardships, things look much brighter if we advance in time a few years. After 16 years of seperation my grandparents began living together again and did so until my grandfather passed away in 1962.

As far as the children go (my aunts and uncles) not enough good can be said. Every one of them has broken out of the low living standards that were so prevalent in their youth. All of them have become productive people and all have great families.

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Lillian McCabe ~~(Feet)~~ (STREIT) 12-21-1908 -- 5-27-1949

My grandmother was born on a farm in La Fox, Ill., one of ten children in the family. Her parents were John Streit and Anna Hilger. In La Fox she completed the fifth grade at the nearest country school. When she was about twelve her family moved to Harvard, Ill. Here she continued her education through the eighth grade. It was in school that she met her future husband, however it wasn't until she was 21 that she got married.

In 1928 my grandmother left home and came to Rockford as a live-in housemaid. After working as a housemaid for the Judge W.D. Knight family for two years she went to Chicago and married my grandfather.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Raymond McCabe 5-8-1904 --

My maternal grandfather was born on a farm in Harvard, Ill. His parents were John McCabe and Margaret Brickley. As a youngster my grandfather enjoyed hunting and fishing on his parent's farm. Raymond's education consisted of grades one to five in a country school and six to eight in a Harvard parochial school.

A disaster hit his family when the farm house was destroyed by fire and also killing his oldest brother and his aunt. The house was rebuilt and the family remained on the farm until 1924. At this time the family pulled up stakes and

headed for Chicago. My grandfather however decided to stay with his uncle on a nearby farm. In 1926 he finally moved to Chicago to experience 'city' life. He found a job as a steamfitting apprentice. After a short apprenticeship he became a qualified steamfitter. Then on May 8, 1930 my grandparents were married in Chicago.

MY MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

A short time after my grandparent's marriage my grandfather lost his job as a steamfitter. During the next few years (until 1937) my grandfather held a few odd jobs including truck driving and bartending. My grandparents had their first two children while living in Chicago, Mary and Lillian-(my mother).

Both of my grandparents became strong while living in Chicago and they both supported F.D.R. Occasionally a large picture of the President could be seen hanging in their house.

In 1937 the family moved to Marengo, Ill. in search of work. My grandfather got a job as an auto mechanic and stayed in the profession for eighteen years. In Marengo the family added two more members, Raymond Jr, and John.

Back to Chicago the family went in late 1944. As with my paternal grandfather, my maternal grandfather was an alcoholic. The story is the same with the family being the victim. Alcoholism among other things caused my grandparents to seperate.

In 1947 my grandmother started having trouble with her health. Finally in May of 1949 she died of cancer leaving the

children without a home. For a while my mother lived with my grandfather but before long she was with her brothers and sister living in Rockford With their aunt and uncle, Chuck and Birdena Streit. These people should be given much credit for their family loyalty and their large hearts. There was never an end to the love given to all the people that lived in their house.

MOTHER

Lillian Kobischka (McCabe) 8-12-1933 --

My mother was born in Chicago during the Chicago World's Fair of 1933. Before the age of four my mother went with her family to Marengo, Ill. While in Marengo my mother went through the fourth grade.

In 1944 her family was off again, moving back to Chicago. Here my mother graduated from the eighth grade at Our Lady Of The Angels parochial school. She went on to Austin Public High School and finished her junior year.

My mother recalled to me her vivid rememberance of the headlines declaring the end of WWII. During the war my mother did the grocery shopping for her family and occasionally for neighboring families. Because of this she remembers rationing stamps very well. Each item rationed had a different color and a variable denomination coupon in tho stamp book.

My mother was raised as a Catholic and went to church every Sunday with her school class from Our Lady Of The Angels School.

The holidays while my mother lived in Marengo usually meant a gathering at her Grandma Streit's farm in Harvard. However when my mother moved back to Chicago the holidays passed without much celebration and without her father.

At the age of seven, my mother started working as a babysitter. As she got older she got other odd jobs including scrubbing the floors in a candy store. Finally she was old enough to work in a grocery store and was given many respon-

sibilities. She often ran the store alone, closed it at night and delivered the days earnings to the store owner. In 1949 she quit school so she could work full time as a waitress to help pay the family's bills. All of the money my mother ever earned was supposed to be turned over to her parents to help pay the bills. However, she usually kept up to $2 for her own personal use on the sly.

My mother can never remember having any new clothes. They were always hand me downs from any source available. She also recalls scavaging in the alleys of Chicago for shoes. The appartment my mother's family rented had two bedrooms. One was for her mother and father, the other for my mother, her sister and her youngest brother. The other brother had to sleep on the couch in the small front room.

Shortly after my grandmother died in 1949 my mother came to Rockford to stand up in her sister's wedding. After coming for the wedding she never returned to Chicago. She had 'nothing of value to go back to.'

My mother got a job as a laborer on an assembly line in a local factory for the huge sum of 32¢ per hour. In the next few years she had several jobs from factory work to a drug store clerk.

On her birthday in 1950 she became engaged to my father. They had met through my mother's sister. It took only three months before they were married. It must have been a happy experience because my mother said 'I never lived until I got married ... I had nothing to leave.'

FATHER

Donald Kobischka 12- 25-29 --

My father was born on Christmas day in 1929, much to the dismay of my grandmothers. She always said that he ~~had~~ SHOULD HAVE waited a few hours so as not to spoil her Christmas dinner.

As a youngster, he made many moves. In good times he could live with his parents. When things weren't so good he lived with anyone that had room.

He went through the sixth grade in Rockford schools. During the seventh grade he lived on a farm in Sharon, Wisconsin and went to school there. Back to Rockford he came for eighth and ninth grade. Because of his many moves he attended many different schools in Rockford.

My father began peddling papers (The Green Flash) on the corner of Court Street and State Street when he was eleven years old. At thirteen he found a better job setting up pins in the now nonexistant Meyers bowling alley. Finally at fiftten he started as a factory laborer parttime while still in school. Then in 1946, my father quit school and started at Greenlee Bros. Co. He has been a machinist there ever since, except for leave of absence for the service.

My father was raised as a Methodist and as a youth attended Grace Methodist Church every Sunday. Other activities included attending the Boy's Club, swimming at city pools and going to the movies. Admission to the movies was eleven cents and the movies were in serial form with one episode each week.

In 1950 my father married my mother and five months later he was drafted. During my father's term of service he spent eightteen months in Korea during the war. While in Korea his outfit had two assignments. The first was to guard the Han river bridgejust outside of Seoul. The other assignment was to guard an air strip just North East of Seoul. In March of 1953 my father was seperated from the army and in October of 1956 he was discharged from the reserves.

It wasn't long after my father's seperation that my parents

started working on a family. It didn't take long, because by 1957 there were three of us- my sister Brenda, my brother Bruce and myself.

My fathers Separation papers

1 DATE OF SEPARATION: HONORABLE

REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT: ARMY

1 LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME: ROBICHKA DONALD ROBERT

2 SERVICE NUMBER: US 55 133 987

3 GRADE – RATE – RANK AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT: Sgt(T) 12 Jan 52

4 COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS: AUS ARTY

5 MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

6 SPECIALTY NUMBER OR SYMBOL: 1602

RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D.O.T. NUMBER: Insp Foreman 4-78.671

6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION: DAY 17 MONTH Mar YEAR 53

7 TYPE OF SEPARATION: Transfer to ERC

8 REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION: Released to ERC SR 615-363-5 PETS

9 PLACE OF SEPARATION: Camp Carson Colorado

10 DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH Dec YEAR 29

11 PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State): Rockford Ill

12 DESCRIPTION: SEX M; RACE Cau; COLOR HAIR Brown; COLOR EYES Brown; HEIGHT 5'8"; WEIGHT 175

13 REGISTERED: NO; SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER 11 215 29 451

14 SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER (City, County, State): #215 Rockford (Winnebago) Ill

15 INDUCTED: DAY 2 MONTH Apr YEAR 51

16 ENLISTED IN OR TRANSFERRED TO A RESERVE COMPONENT: NO; COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS ERC ARTY

COGNIZANT DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND: 5th ARMY AREA

17 BY MEANS OF ENTRY OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION: [ ] ENLISTED [ ] REENLISTED [ ] COMMISSIONED [ ] CALLED FROM INACTIVE DUTY

18 GRADE – RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: Pvt E-1

19 DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: MONTH Apr YEAR 51; PLACE (City and State) Chicago Ill

20 HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (St., R.F.D., City, County and State): 212 S Independence Rockford(Winnebago) Ill

STATEMENT OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	A YEARS	B MONTHS	C DAYS
21 NET ( ) SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD	Not	Applicable	
22 NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD	1	11	16
23 OTHER SERVICE (Act of 16 June 1942 as amended) COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES	0	0	0
24 TOTAL NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES	1	11	16

25 ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE PAID ON EXTENSION OF ENLISTMENT, IF ANY: DAY NA; MONTH NA; YEAR NA; AMOUNT NA

26 FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE: YEARS 1; MONTHS 6; DAYS 17

27 DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL w/3 BRONZE SERVICE STARS - UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL

28 MOST SIGNIFICANT DUTY ASSIGNMENT: 50th AAA (SP) BN APO 301

29 WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date, if known): NONE

30 SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND/OR GRAD COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED: NONE

DATES (From-To): NONE

MAJOR COURSES: NONE

31 SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED: NONE

32 GOVERNMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION (A) Permanent plan premium must continue to be paid when due or within 31 days thereafter or insurance will lapse (B) Term insurance not under waiver same as (A) above (C) Term insurance under waiver — premium payment must be resumed within 120 days after separation Forward premiums on NSLI to Veterans Administration District Office having jurisdiction over the area shown in Item 20 Forward premiums on USGLI to Veterans Administration Washington 25 D.C. See VA Pamphlet 9-3) When paying premiums give full name, address, Service Number, Policy Number(s), Branch of Service, date separation. Contact nearest VA office for information concerning Government Life Insurance

KIND & AMT OF INSURANCE & MTHLY PREMIUM: 0,000 waivered 6.50

32B ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR TO 26 APRIL 1951: [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] UNKNOWN

33 MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED: May 1951

34 MONTH NEXT PREMIUM DUE: 120 days from item #6

35 TOTAL PAYMENT UPON SEPARATION: 436.92

36 TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT: 63.84

37 DISBURSING OFFICER'S NAME AND SYMBOL NUMBER: F H METCALF CAPT FC(215-499)

38 REMARKS (Continue on reverse): Item 8: DA MSG 384376 AGPO-KD dtd 22 Dec 52. Released from active military service and transferred to ERC for 5 years. Blood group A World War II Veteran no No time lost under section 6(a) App 2B MCM 1951. muster out pay $300 1st payment $100

39 SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN: R P Shepard

NAME, GRADE AND TITLE (Typed): R P SHEPARD 2d Lt ARMOR

40 V.A. BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) COMPENSATION, PENSION, INSURANCE BENEFITS, ETC: NONE

CLAIM NUMBER: NONE

41 DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: FROM 1946 TO 1951

42 MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Torret Lather Opr

43 NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER: Rockford Ill Greelee Brothers & Co 23rd & Columbia

44 UNITED STATES CITIZEN: [X] YES [ ] NO

45 MARITAL STATUS: Married

46 NON-SERVICE EDUCATION (Years successfully completed): GRAMMAR 8; HIGH SCHOOL 2; COLLEGE 0

DEGREE(S): None

MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD: Academic

47 PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION (St., R.F.D., City, County and State): See item #20

48 SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED: Donald R Robichka

Honorable Discharge

from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

This is to certify that

Sergeant DONALD R. KOBISCHKA, ER 55 133 987, ARTY-USAR, Ready Reserve, who was inducted 2 April 1951 and transferred to the Army Reserve 18 March 1953

was Honorably Discharged from the

Army of the United States

on the 29th *day of* October 1956 *This certificate is awarded*

as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service

AR 135-133 & Par 3a, SR 140-177-1

F. J. Belanger

F. J. BELANGER
CWO, W-2, USA

My unofficial discharge

My paternal grandparents marriage license

This Certifies

That Fred Kobischka
of Lake City, Michigan
and Miss Myrtle M Carey
of Delavan, Wisconsin

were by me united in the bonds of

Marriage

at Woodstock, Ill
on the First day of May
in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and
Twenty
conformably to the ordinance of God and the Laws
of the State.

R B Guthrie
MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

Pearl L LaBree
Ida H LaBree.
WITNESSES PRESENT AT THE MARRIAGE

Letter from my father's brother Fred Junior to Fred Senior before he was killed.

Dear Dad:

Well how is every thing?

I [illegible] line before this but time is very scarce in the Army. I've been wonding why you haven't wrote to me ever you get a chance why drop me a few lines and let me know how every thing is going. I supose Ebbie is

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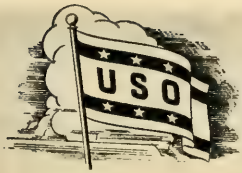
getting along fine without
me. Say I was going to ask
you how is Sam doing is
he still working down there?
and how about Fanny? If
they are say hello for me.
I kind of miss Sam because
I haven't any one to fool
around with. Boy I used to
have some good time with
him. Say dad you could
come down this dam country
you can't even buy a bottle
of beer. This is know as the
Dry State. I only wish I could



buy some beer or something
I get tired of just drinking
water. Well I can't write
write and let me know
how everything is going
and I'll try and write again

Yours for
Fred.

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Death Notice of my fathers Brother - Fred Junior

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Sgt. Kobischka Rites Saturday

Was War Casualty on Anzio Beachhead

Reburial services for Sgt. Fred F. Kobischka, 21, killed in action May 23, 1944, at Anzio, Italy, will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Sharon cemetery at Sharon, Wis. The American Legion will conduct military rites.

Sergeant Kobischka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Kobischka, was born March 24, 1923, in Harvard, but had spent most of his life in Rockford where he had been employed at Ebaloy Foundries. His mother resides at 212 South Independence avenue.

Entering service on Aug. 9, 1943, he received 17 weeks basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., prior to going overseas in January, 1944. An infantryman, Sergeant Kobischka had been stationed on the Anzio beachhead. His outfit took part in the drive on Cisterna and the capture of that city after which he was reported missing in action and later reported killed.

Besides the parents, surviving are his widow, the former Janet Peters; a daughter, Patricia Ann, both of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Moore and Mary Lou Kobischka, both of 416 North 1st street, and four brothers, Clifford, Donald, Gerald and Edwin, all of Rockford.

Arrangements were completed by the W. S. Salisbury funeral home at Sharon.

SGT. FRED KOBISCHKA

Cities Ask Aid In Rate Fight

Want Commission to Make Investigation

Counsel for Rockford and 23 other Illinois cities today asked the Illinois commerce commission at Springfield to make a complete investigation before ruling on a 16 per cent rate increase asked by Illinois Bell Telephone company.

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Paternal grandparents
Official document
(notice spelling of last name)

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OIL AND GAS LEASE

greement. Made and entered into the 21st day of July, 19 38
and between Fred Kofisokla and Myrtle Kofisokla, his wife
of 514 Elm Street, Rockford, Illinois hereinafter called
essor (whether one or more), and Charles A. Teater of 808 Second National
Bank Building, Saginaw, Michigan hereafter called lessee:

Witnesseth: That the said lessor, for and in consideration of Sixty Dollars,
ash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained
n part of lessee to be paid, kept and performed, has granted, demised, leased and let and by these presents does grant, de-
ise, lease and let unto the said lessee for the sole and only purpose of mining and operating for oil and gas and of laying of
ipe lines, and of building tanks, powers, stations and structures thereon to produce, save and take care of said products,
ll that certain tract of land situate in the County of Tuscaola State of Michigan
escribed as follows, to-wit: The South West quarter (S.W.¼) of the South East
quarter (S.E.¼) and the South Half (S½) of the South East
quarter (S.E.¼) of the South East quarter (S.E.¼).

f Section 12 Township 23 North Range 6 West and containing sixty acres, more or less.

t is agreed that this lease shall remain in force for a term of five years from this date, and as long
hereafter as oil or gas or either of them is produced from said land by lessee.

In consideration of the premises the said lessee covenants and agrees:

1st. To deliver to the credit of lessor, free of cost, in the pipe line to which lessee may connect wells on said land, the equal
ne-eighth part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

2nd. To pay lessor one-eighth (⅛) of the gross proceeds each year, payable quarterly, for the gas from each well where gas
nly is found, while the same is being used off the premises, and if used in the manufacture of gasoline a royalty of one-eighth
⅛), payable monthly at the prevailing market rate for gas; and lessor to have gas free of cost from any such well for all stoves
nd all inside lights in the principal dwelling on said land during the same time, by making lessor's own connections with the well
t lessor's own risk and expense.

3rd. To pay lessor for gas produced from any oil well and used off the premises or in the manufacture of gasoline or any other
roduct a royalty of one-eighth (⅛) of the proceeds, at the mouth of the well, payable monthly at the prevailing market rate.

If no well be commenced on said land on or before the 21st day of July, 19 39
his lease shall terminate as to both parties, unless the lessee shall on or before that date pay or tender to the lessor or to the
essor's credit in the mail to lessor Bank at their above address, or its successors,
hich shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land, the sum of

-27- Paternal grandparents Official document (notice spelling of last name)

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OIL AND GAS LEASE

This Agreement, Made and entered into the 21st day of July, 1938 by and between Fred Kopischke and Myrtle Kopischke, his wife

of 5714 Elm Street, Rockford, Illinois hereinafter called lessor (whether one or more), and Charles H. Teater of 808 Second National Bank Building, Saginaw, Michigan hereafter called lessee:

Witnesseth: That the said lessor, for and in consideration of Sixty Dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained on part of lessee to be paid, kept and performed, has granted, demised, leased and let and by these presents does grant, demise, lease and let unto the said lessee for the sole and only purpose of mining and operating for oil and gas and of laying of pipe lines, and of building tanks, powers, stations and structures thereon to produce, save and take care of said products,

all that certain tract of land situate in the County of Missaukee State of Michigan described as follows, to-wit: The South West quarter (S.W.¼) of the South East quarter (S.E.¼) and the South half (S½) of the South East quarter (S.E.¼) of the South East quarter (S.E.¼)

of Section 12 Township 23 North Range 6 West and containing sixty acres, more or less.

It is agreed that this lease shall remain in force for a term of five years from this date, and as long thereafter as oil or gas or either of them is produced from said land by lessee.

In consideration of the premises the said lessee covenants and agrees:

1st. To deliver to the credit of lessor, free of cost, in the pipe line to which lessee may connect wells on said land, the equal one-eighth part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

2nd. To pay lessor one-eighth (⅛) of the gross proceeds each year, payable quarterly, for the gas from each well where gas only is found, while the same is being used off the premises, and if used in the manufacture of gasoline a royalty of one-eighth (⅛), payable monthly at the prevailing market rate for gas; and lessor to have gas free of cost from any such well for all stoves and all inside lights in the principal dwelling on said land during the same time, by making lessor's own connections with the well at lessor's own risk and expense.

3rd. To pay lessor for gas produced from any oil well and used off the premises or in the manufacture of gasoline or any other product a royalty of one-eighth (⅛) of the proceeds, at the mouth of the well, payable monthly at the prevailing market rate.

If no well be commenced on said land on or before the 21st day of July, 1939 this lease shall terminate as to both parties, unless the lessee shall on or before that date pay or tender to the lessor or to the lessor's credit in the mail to Lessors Bank at Rhinelander above address, or its successors, which shall continue as the depository regardless of changes in the ownership of said land, the sum of Sixty dollars, which shall operate as a rental and cover the privilege of deferring the commencement of a well for twelve months from said date. The payment herein referred to may be made in currency, draft, or check at the option of the lessee; and the depositing of such currency, draft or check in any post office, with sufficient postage and properly addressed to the lessor, or said bank, on or before said last mentioned date, shall be deemed payment as herein provided. In like manner and upon subsequent like payments or tenders, the commencement of a well may be further deferred for like periods of the same number of months successively. And it is understood and agreed that the consideration first recited herein, the down payment, covers not only the privilege granted to the date when said first rental is payable as aforesaid, but also the lessee's option of extending that period as aforesaid, and any and all other rights conferred.

Should the first well drilled on the above described land be a dry hole, then, and in that event, if a second well is not commenced on said land within twelve months from the expiration of the last rental period for which rental has been paid, this lease shall terminate as to both parties, unless the lessee on or before the expiration of said twelve months shall resume the payment of rentals, in the same amount and in the same manner as hereinbefore provided. And it is agreed that upon the resumption of the payment of rentals as above provided, that the last preceding paragraph hereof governing the payment of rentals and the effect thereof, shall continue in force just as though there had been no interruption in the rental payments, and if the lessee shall commence to drill a well within the term of this lease or any extension thereof, the lessee shall have the right to drill such well to completion with reasonable diligence and dispatch, and if oil or gas, or either of them, be found in paying quantities, this lease shall continue and be in force with like effect as if such well had been completed within the term of years first mentioned.

If said lessor owns a less interest in the above described land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties and rentals herein provided for shall be paid the said lessor only in the proportion which lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

Lessee shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on said land for lessee's operations thereon, except water from the wells of lessor.

When requested by lessor, lessee shall bury lessee's pipe lines below plow depth.

No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to the house or barn now on said premises without written consent of lessor.

Lessee shall pay for damages caused by lessee's operations to growing crops on said land.

Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said premises, including the right to draw and remove casing.

If the estate of either party hereto is assigned—and the privilege of assigning in whole or in part is expressly allowed—the covenants hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, but no change in the ownership of the land or assignments of rentals or royalties shall be binding on the lessee until after the lessee has been furnished with a written transfer or assignment or a true copy thereof; and it is hereby agreed that in the event this lease shall be assigned as to a part or as to parts of the above described lands and the assignee or assignees of such part or parts shall fail or make default in the payment of the proportionate part of the rents due from him or them, such default shall not operate to defeat or affect this lease in so far as it covers a part or parts of said lands upon which the said lessee or any assignee thereof shall make due payment of

Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the lessee shall have the right at any time to redeem for lessor, by payment, any mortgages, taxes or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof, and the undersigned lessors, for themselves and their heirs, successors, and assigns, hereby surrender and release all right of dower and homestead in the premises described herein, insofar as said right of dower and homestead may in any way affect the purposes for which this lease is made, as recited herein.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE SIGN, This the 21st day of July, 1938

Witnesses:

R. E. Kenamore

Cushin Degraw

Fred Kopischke [L.S.]

[L.S.]

Myrtle Kopischke [L.S.]

[L.S.]

STATE OF Illinois
COUNTY OF Winnebago } ss.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Applicable where lands are in Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st day of July A. D., 19 40, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Fred Kopischke and Myrtle Kopischke, his wife to me known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature and affixed my notarial seal, the day and year first above written.

My commission expires July 15th 1940 Ralph E. Dusmore Notary Public

STATE OF
COUNTY OF } ss.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Michigan

I, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that personally known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this day of , A. D. 19

My commission expires Notary Public

P. O.

STATE OF
COUNTY OF } ss.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, CORPORATION

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day of , 19, personally appeared to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of the maker thereof to the foregoing instrument as its and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year last above written.

My commission expires Notary Public

P. O.

STATE OF Illinois } ss.
COUNTY OF Winnebago

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Applicable where lands are in Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st day of July A. D., 19 35, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Fred Kopischke and Lucille Kopischke, his wife to me known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature and affixed my notarial seal, the day and year first above written.

My commission expires July 15th 1940 Ralph E. Desmond Notary Public

STATE OF } ss.
COUNTY OF

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Michigan

I, ... a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that ..... personally known to me to be the person.... whose name..... subscribed to the within instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that.....signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as.....free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this ..... day of ....., A. D. 19.....

My commission expires ..... Notary Public

P. O.....

STATE OF } ss.
COUNTY OF

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, CORPORATION

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this..... day of ....., 19....., personally appeared ..... to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of the maker thereof to the foregoing instrument as its .....and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year last above written.

My commission expires ..... Notary Public

P. O.....

No.....

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OIL AND GAS LEASE

FROM

Fred Kopischke and Lucille Kopischke

TO

Charles H. Tuttle

Dated July 21, 19 35

Lot 1 Block ..... Addition

Section 12 Township 23 N. Range 5 W.

Washtenaw County, Michigan

No. of Acres 60 Term 5 years

STATE OF } ss.
County of

This instrument was filed for record on the ..... day of ....., 19....

at ..... o'clock ....M., and duly recorded in

Book ..... Page ..... of the records of this office.

County Clerk—Register of Deeds.

By ..... Deputy.

When Recorded Return to .....

— Sold by —
THE H. R. ARNOLD CO.
129 N. Franklin St. Dial 2-1231
Saginaw, Mich.

MICHIGAN FORM OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT WHERE GRANTORS SIGN BY MARK

NOTE—With reference to Michigan lands, when this instrument is signed by a person who cannot write his name he shall execute the same by his mark, and his name shall be written near such mark by one of two persons who saw such mark made, who shall write their names on such instrument as witnesses.

COUNTY OF } ss.
STATE OF

On this ..... day of ....., A. D., 19....., before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared ..... and ..... to me known to be the identical person.... who executed the within and foregoing instrument by ..... mark....., in my presence and in the presence of ..... and ..... as witnesses, the said ..... signing the name....., of the said ..... and acknowledged to me that ..... executed the same as ..... free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires ..... Notary Public.

Letter from my maternal grandmother - it speaks of my mother by name of Sister

Jan. 2 1949

Thanks again for the gift and for the flag for my birthday.

Received the package you sent. Lee thanks alot for everything. The scarf sure is pretty and you sure got alot of work on it.

Mary Ann was home from work the week before X. Mas. It is her heart, she has a rumatic heart and if she doesn't get enough rest it acts up on her, but she feels better now. Sister's boss died the Sat. after X. Mas. from strangulation of a rupture. And she has been

school then she will
work from 4:30 to 10:00
at night like she use
to when he was living.
She is breaking in another
girl to work days but I
don't think the Mrs. is
going to keep this store
very long. Raymond is not
living with us yet. He is
suppose to have an operation
for the same thing this
man died from a rupture
and Raymond said how
they had to take him off
the truck twice already
from stranguling, but I
did not believe him, but

running the store a
by her self since f
his wife has another
store she runs. Sist
made a $100 and soo
dollars yesterday then
she takes a cab an
goes over to the Mrs an
gives it to her. Sister
made $41.50 in six day
there. Is she ever a
business women that lis
She takes all the orde
in and handles every
thing, but Monday she
will have to go back

since this man died that way. I do now. But Raymond don't know yet that he died and I am not telling him either what he died of. This man was alright when Sister left the store at 10 o'clock Friday night and he was dead at 2 o'clock the next day.

Well I hope you are well and be careful of the ice don't go out any more than you have to. I wish I could be out there with you. John O. called last Tues. when he was into the drs and he said they all were well
left in Ore his + all

KRAMER, KENNETH DEE, 1954-

SE USE INK; PLEASE PLACE THESE SHEETS AT THE FRONT OF THE SECOND COPY OF YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Contributor to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection:

So that your family history can be made more useful to historians and others studying ican families, we are asking you to fill out the forms below. This will take you only a mintues, and will be easily made over into an Index which will permit archive users ready ss to just those kinds of family histories needed.

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1. Your name Kenneth D. Kramer Jr.
   Date of form May 2, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   x 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) x East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.)
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) x East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   x Farming x Mining x Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   x Professions x Industrial labor ___ Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   x Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational ___ Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon x Other Protestant ___ Other
   The United Church Of Christ

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews x Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ___ Irish ___ British x Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   x Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles x Family Genealogies
   ___ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Raymond William Kramer Current Residence 317 South Walnut Centralia, Ill.
If dead, date of death Still Living

Place of birth Washington Co. Ill. Date of Birth July 23, 1902

Education (number of years):
grade school 3 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Deupty Sherriff	Dates 1916	1st All in Centralia, Ill	Dates _____
2nd Cowboy And Miner	Dates 1918-1920's	2nd except for a few	Dates _____
3rd WPA	Dates 1940's	3rd years cowboying in	Dates _____
4th Centralia Street and Alley Dept	Dates Late 1940's Until his retirement in 1965	4th Montana and Texas	Dates _____

Religion United Church Of Christ

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrate, and Loyal Order Of The Moose

Place of Marriage to your grandmother To Irene Pieffer, In her home ; To Sarah Blair, Not Known To Pieffer, Not known To Blaire around 1927 date March 8, 1940

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Irene Pieffer Current Residence Deceased
If dead, date of death March 1934

Place of birth Not known Date of birth Not Known

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 1

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Teacher (Grade School)	Dates 1928-30	1st Centralia, Ill.	Dates 1928-34
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Batist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather In Her home DATE 1927

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name Essel Noma (Sahra) Blair Current Residence 317 South Walnut Centralia, Il.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Louisville, Ill. Date of birth August 28, 1911

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Worked in Shoe Factory Dates Dates 1st Centralia, Ill. Date

2nd before marring Grandpa Dates are not 2nd Ever since She left Dates

3rd After that just a housewife Dates Known 3rd home to Marry Grandpa Dates

Religion The United Church Of Christ

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Dem. Party, Loyal Order of Mo

Place of marriage to your grandfather Louisville, Ill. Date March 8, 1940

andfather (your mother's side)

ame Thomas Earl Lewis Current Residence (Deceased)
dead, date of death April 17, 1960

ace of birth Pulaski, Ill. Date of birth September 1, 1897
lucation (number of years):
rade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)		
t	Woked in country store	Dates Eary 1900's	1st		Dates
d	Prudental Insurance	Dates 1930's-41	2nd	Centralia, Ill.	Dates 1930-41
rd	Mc Quay Norris Munitions Plant	Dates 1941-43	3rd	St. Louis, Mo.	Dates 1941-43
h	War Plant. Oakridge Tenn.	Dates 1943-45	4th	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Dates 1943-45
5th	Shoe Salesman	1945-60		Centralia, Ill.	1945-60

eligion United Church Of Christ
olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

ace of marriage to your grandmother Loogootee, Ill. date Nov.31, 1922
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

andmother (your mother's side)

ame Zola Mae Hamilton Lewis Current Residence (deceased)
dead, date of death Aug. 21, 1970

ace of birth Kimmundy, Ill. Date of birth March 4, 1901
lucation (number of years)
rade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 1

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)		
st	School Teacher	Dates 1921-22	1st	Centralia, Ill.	Dates 1924-41
d	Housewife U	Dates _____	2nd	St. Louis, Mo.	Dates 1941-43
rd		Dates _____	3rd	OakRidge , Tenn.	Dates 1943-45
			4th	Centralia and Addieville,Ill. until her Death	

eligion United Church Of Christ
olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

lace of marriage to your grandfather Loogootee, Ill. date Nov. 31, 1922
ote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name John H. Jasper Current Residence (Deceased)
If dead, date of death December 27, 1962

Place of birth Not Known Date of birth
Education (number of years)
grade school high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

1st	Ran a grocery store last years of his life.	Dates	1st		Dates
2nd	This is all that is Known	Dates	2nd	Centralia, Ill.	Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion None
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grandmother Edwardsville Ill date Nov. 22 196

D-2 Stepgrand~~mother~~father (your mother's side)

Name Albert Dolliet Current Residence (deceased)
If dead, date of death Aug. 21, 1970
Killed With my Grandmother in car accident
Place of birth Not known Date of birth
Education (number of years)
grade school high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

1st	For the short time we knew him	Dates	1st		Dates
2nd	he was mostly retired but he	Dates	2nd	Centralia, Ill.	Dates
3rd	was highway commisioner of Clinton County in Ill.	Dates	3rd		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Presbyterian
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your grand~~father~~mother Dec. 5, 1968 in Addieville, Ill. Date

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Doris Lynn Kramer
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date Nov. 12, 1930
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Housewife
Residence Centralia, Ill. Marital Status Harold Sanders
Number of children 3

Name Kenneth D. Kramer
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date March 10, 1932
Number of years of schooling 20 Occupation Mi Minister
Residence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status Janet Sue Lewis
Number of children 3

Name Darrell Lee Kramer
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date Sept. 11, 1933
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Rail road woker
Residence Centralia, Ill. Marital Status Barbra Dollet
Number of children 2

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Gwendoyln Faughn Lewis
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date Sept. 9, 1924
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Lewistown, Montana . Marital Status John F. Price
Number of children 2 (Adopted)

2. Name Watana Romayne Lewis
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date Oct. 8, 1925
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Centralia, Ill. Marital Status Irv C. Riechmann
Number of children 1

3. Name Jannett Sue Lewis
Place of birth Centralia, Ill. date Feb. 28, 1934
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status Kenneth D. Kramer
Number of children 3

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

our Father

ame Kenneth D. Kramer Sr. Current Residence 411 N. Main Belvidere, Ill.

f dead, date of death

lace of birth Centralia, Ill. Date of birth March 10, 1932

ducation (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 12 vocational college 4

Seminary 4

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st U.S. AIR FORCE Dates 1952-56 1st Biloxi, Mississippi Dates same

nd Minister Dates 1956-present 2nd Famer City, Ill. ; Jamestown, Ill. Dates 1956-58 ~~1958-59~~

rd of these churches Dates 3rd Edwardsville, Ill. Wellington, Mo. Dates 1960-63 1963-64

th In thes towns Dates 4th Addieville, Ill. Belvidere, Ill. Dates 1964-74 1974-

eligion The United Church of Christ

olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Lions Club

lace of marriage to your mother Biloxi, Miss. date June 13, 1953

OTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

our Mother

ame Janet Sue Lewis Kramer Current Residence Belvidere, Ill.

f dead, date of death

lace of birth Centralia, Ill. Date of birth Feb. 28, 1934

ducation (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 12 vocational college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st House Wife Dates 1st Dates

nd And Church Secretary Dates 2nd Same as above Dates

rd Dates 3rd Dates

eligion The United Church of Christ

olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

lace of marriage to your father ~~Keesler A.F. Base Biloxi, Miss.~~ date ~~June 13, 1953~~

OTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

ILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

me Kenneth Dee Kramer Jr.
ace of birth Biloxi, Miss. Date of birth June 7, 1954
mber of years of schooling 14 Occupation Student
sidence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status Single
mber of children

me Zola Mae Kramer
ace of birth Centralia, Ill. Date of birth April, 16, 1959
mber of years of schooling 9 Occupation Student
sidence Belevidere, Ill. Marital Status Single
mber of children

me Kerri Ann Kramer
ace of birth Belleville, Ill. Date of birth Oct. 16, 1967
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sidence Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status Single
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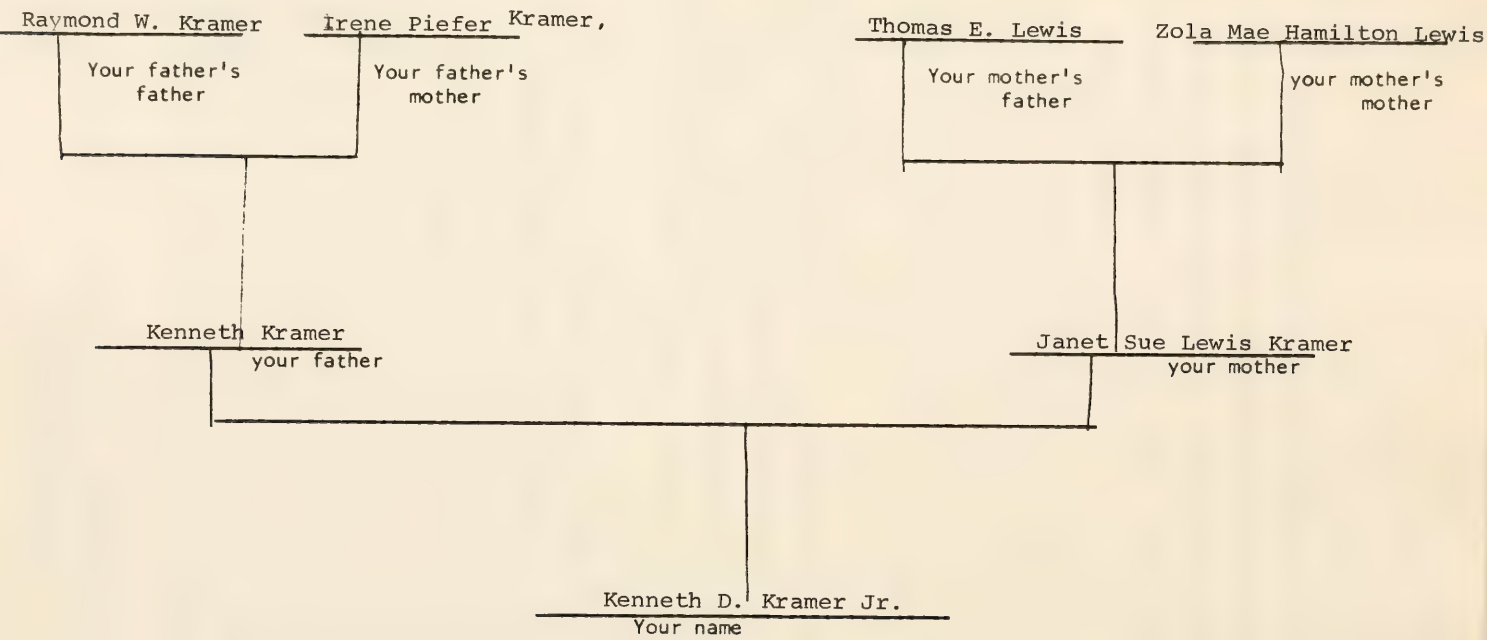

FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT

KEN KRAMER MAY 1st, 1974

I have found doing this family history most enjoyable in learning of my past heritage. I have been able to trace back to my great grandparents on both sides. There is some talk of the Hamilton family, my mother's maternal side of the family, once being royalty in their homeland of Scotland, but this cannot be proven as fact. This is because of the breakdown in connections somewhere along the line. It is also thought, and has more validity than the story above, that my great, great uncle O'Dell, again on my mother's side was the mayor of New York at one time. This too, cannot be proven, so it will not be included in my paper as fact.

I will start with my mother's side of the family, then my father's side and finally the recent family history of my parents and myself. I received all my information from my parents in interviews as it was the only way to get my information for there are not any other available living sources.

Thomas Earl Lewis, my maternal grandfather, was born on September 1st, 1897, the son of a local grocer in Pulaski, Illinois. His father and mother were Albert and Sophia Lewis. We do not know what her maiden name was. Thomas Earl Lewis was one of eight children. His older brother, Albert, may still be alive in California, but no one knows for sure. The other children as well as Thomas Earl are all deceased. Thomas Earl passed this life on April 17th, 1960, on an Easter Sunday. My mother, Janet Sue Kramer, said she did not know very much about her father's family as both of her grandparents were dead when she was born,

and she can only remember one sister of her father's, named Effie, who they used to go visit in Mound City, Illinois. She died in 1940. Also, not much is known about Grandpa Lewis' early life. It is known that he did finish eight grades of schooling and that he never attended high school. Like most boys, he worked with his father in the store, and later on took over a part of the store by selling scales and continued this job until after he had been married about five years. He always told the story that he bought his first pair of long pants for himself. My mother tells me the story of how her father was the most handsome bachelor in the county. Many girls dreamed of marrying T.E. Lewis, but only one was able to grab hold of him. She was the prettiest girl in Loogootee, Illinois and also the most popular as she had been engaged three times. They were married on November 31, 1922. The girl he married was Zola Mae Hamilton, daughter of Charles and Mary Emma (nee O'Dell) Hamilton. She was born on March 4th, 1901 in Kimmundy, Illinois. Her father, a carpenter, and his wife had nine children of which eight lived to adulthood. She grew up in a little town called Loogootee, Ill. in a little bungalow type house which her father built. Here she went through grade school and high school. She also went to one year of college at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, where she graduated with a teaching degree in 1920. She taught only one year before she married my grandfather. She used to tell the story of how she would get up early in the morning, ride to the one room school house which included grades 1 - 8, and start the fire in the stove to warm up the building. Grandma was not the only one in her family to get a college degree. Her brother, Ray Hamilton, and the only one of the brothers and sisters living at this time in Haines City, Florida, retired, also got a college education and became a college teacher for

a few years until he took a job with the weather bureau at the airport in Nashville, Tenn. for a number of years and then was transferred to the airport at Springfield, Illinois until his retirement.

My maternal grandmother, Zola Mae Hamilton Lewis used to tell the story of how she met my grandfather, T.E. Lewis. She used to go to the silent movies and grandfather used to play in the orchestra. They would talk during intermission. It was said that Thomas Earl Lewis was a very talented muscian and what he learned he taught himself. They would say that he could play any instrument needed at the theatre and do an excellent job. He could also sing very well. I feel this is where my sister, Zola Mae Kramer, named after her maternal grandmother, got her musical talent as she can play the piano very well and can also play by ear.

My maternal grandmother, Zola Mae Hamilton Lewis also liked to tell the story of how she became a Christian and was saved. I do not remember the details, but I know it took place in a barn. She was a Methodist.

Zola Mae Hamilton and Thomas Earl Lewis decided to get married and neither one of their parents objected. Both were of the same social class and economic class which about that time was considered middle class. After their marriage, Thomas Earl Lewis worked selling scales as I mentioned before. Then in the late 1920's or early 1930's they moved to Centralia, Illinois. There he sold Prudential Insurance until World War II started in 1941. During this time 3 daughters were born, Gwendolyn Faughn Lewis on September 9, 1924 and then Watana Romayne Lewis was born on October 8th, 1925 and finally, my mother, Janet Sue Lewis on February 25th, 1934.

In 1941, the Lewis family moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where grandfather Lewis got a job at the Mc Quay Norris Munitions Plant making bullets. He only worked there until 1943 when he was hired by the government to work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee at a war plant there. He did not know at the time he was hired just what they were making at the plant. He only knew his job and what he was supposed to be doing. He received several awards for his suggestions in the plant and became foreman of his department. He was very proud of the job he was doing, but later found out like everybody else what the plant had produced when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. His reaction was one of horror and shock. He could not believe anything so destructive and terrible as to cause so much suffering and death. He was very upset that he had a part in it in a way, but yet it ended the war and his son in law got to come home from the war and, I guess this was his rationalization for living with this thing that he had a part in. Shortly after the bomb was dropped he quit his job at Oak Ridge and the family moved back to Centralia, Ill. where he sold shoes in Montgomery Ward Store for a while and then sold nuts and bolts on the road for a couple of years and then finally went back to selling shoes at John Green Store in Centralia. He was a good salesman, one of the best and was always getting awards for his good work, but he could never advance like some of the other employees in the store because of his age. He always felt like he was manager material and he was, but his age was against him at this point. My grandfather worked at John Green Store until his retirement in 1959. He never lived long enough to even get his first Social Security check. He died of euremic poisoning brought on by high blood pressure and a stroke. No one ever

really felt that he fulfilled his real potential in life. He died a poor man not even owning his own home and leaving no security for his widow.

Some information about the oldest two daughters of Thomas Earl Lewis and Zola Mae Hamilton Lewis are, Gwendolyn Faughn was the first of the daughters to get a job in The Hollywood Candy Company in Centralia, Illinois where she worked as a secretary in the office. She was married to John F. Price, who worked as a printer at the local newspaper. They were only married a few months when he was drafted into the army and was overseas in New Guinea for 3 years during World War II. After the war they settled in Centralia where he continued to work at the paper and they adopted 2 sons, James Franklin Price and Edward Eugene Price. They were 3 and 4 years old when they adopted them. The boys are college educated and on their own now with their own families and John and Gwendolyn are living and working in Lewistown, Montana.

Watana Romayne Lewis Riechmann completed high school also and got her firstjob at the telephone compamy as a long distant telephone operator. She worked there for many years and became a supervisor. She married Irvin C. Riechmann in 1951. He was also a World War II veteran. They were not married until after the war, but corresponded and knew each other 7 yrs. before they were married. They have one daughter, Gaylia Louise Riechmann, who is married now also and on her own.

The last daughter, my mother, Janet Sue Lewis Kramer also

completed high school and got a job at the telephone company in Centralia, Ill. She only worked about 9 months when she married on June 13th, 1953 at the age of 19 yrs. to Kenneth D. Kramer, 21. Since this is my mother, I will go into more detail on her life later in the paper.

My Grandmother and Grandfather Lewis were married for 37 yrs. before my grandfather's death in 1960. After his death, my grandmother had to go to work to support herself. She got a job in a small grocery store on one side and a woman's apparell shop on the other in Centralia, owned by John J. Jasper, who had lost his first wife from cancer, and knew my grandmother from Loogootee where they had both grown up. My grandmother and John's first wife were school girl friends. She worked at John's store for almost a year and they were married. However, the marriage was short lived for in 1962, a year and a half later, John Jasper died on December 27th, of cancer. John did not have much money as most of it went for the years of treatment and hospitalization of his first wife. She received a small settlement and the store and apartment over the store that they lived in during their marriage went to John's son. My grandmother, Zola Mae Hamilton Lewis Jasper then went to live in a small apartment there in Centralia and lived off of John's Social Security and the small settlement from his death. She lived there until 1966 when she moved to Addieville, Ill. to live with us, her daughter, Janet Sue Lewis Kramer and son in law, Kenneth D. Kramer Sr. She lived with us until January 5, 1970 when she married Albert Dodillet of Centralia, Illinois. This marriage too was short lived. For on

August 21, 1971, when Zola Mae Dodillet and Albert Dodillet and Laura J. Hamilton, a sister in law of Zola Mae Dodillets, were killed in a head on collision just north of Greenville, Ill. while on there way to Springfield, Ill. to visit Zola Mae Dodillet's brother, Ray Hamilton and to go to the State Fair.

An interesting footnote to the Dodillet marriage is that Albert Dodillet's neice, Barbara Dodillet married Darrell Kramer, my dad's brother making my mother and father a cousin by marriage to Barbara as well as being a sister-in-law.

I would like to make a comment about my grandfather, Thomas Earl Lewis. I remember him as a man who was always the perfect gentleman. He was always fully dressed, suit, tie, shoes, etc. He always made sure his car was in perfect running condition. He always insisted in taking over the job of decorating the Christmas tree each year as each piece of tinsel and ornament had to be put on just right. He used to sit with me in the evening and we would peel apples and eat them together. He was not much of a church goer until 1947 when he became a faithful member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Centralia, Ill. The rest of the family were already members and had been for some years. He became active in the church choir and served on the consistory. They were all great people, my Grandfather Lewis and Grandmother Lewis and Grandfather Jasper and Grandfather Dodillet and I miss them very much. They were family people in that they always cared deeply for their children and did what they could to help in times of need and were always interested and loved their grandchildren very much.

The Kramer family also goes back many years into Germany, however; this is all we know about it except that my great grandfather

came to America at the age of 17. His name was Fred C. Kramer Sr., born in Hanover, Germany on Dec. 12th, 1860. He came to America as an orphan in 1878 to escape the draft of the Bismark's new army. In 1890 he married Louise Grieman, an American girl with a German heritage. She was born in Hoyleton, Illinois on February 13th, 1972. Together they had nine boys and two girls. One child was stillborn, one died shortly after birth and one twin died at the age of 5 months with brain fever. Only eight grew to adulthood, 6 boys and the 2 girls. One of these boys was Raymond W. Kramer, my grandfather. But, getting back to the great grandparents, great grandma Kramer died on December 9th, 1935 with pneumonia and great grandpa Kramer died on April 25th, 1941 of hardening of the arteries. When great grandpa Kramer came to this country he was a common laborer. He worked in the coal mines until he broke his back around the age of 50. The reason he broke his back was because a timber fell on it in the mines. Grandpa was a big man of about 6' 4" tall and really too big for the mines. While he was out of work and recovering from his injury he studied law, and after he was well, he ran for sheriff of Marion County in Southern Illinois and won. He made three of his sons deputies and he was in business. However, this sheriff job didn't last long for next time around he ran for the judgeship of Marion County and again he won. He held that position until his death at the age of 81 years old. An ironic story my grandfather, Raymond Wm. Kramer told me once was when he was about 18 years of age he was hauled into the judges chambers for disturbing the peace. He was with about 4 other young men and he told me he stood there absolutely scared to death when his old dad walked in. Great grandpa Kramer sent him home and said he would take care of him later and put the other 4 in jail for the night. When old Judge Kramer got home he did not punish his son, but

left him with the strong warning that if it ever happenned again he would also spend the night in jail. And still today around the Centralia and Marion County area if you talk to some of the older people they too remember old Judge Kramer and usually have a story to tell you about him.

My grandfather, Raymond W. Kramer was born on July 23, 1902. He is the only one of my original grandparents still living, however; he is very ill and has been in very poor health for the past three years. He for all purposes now is a shut-in and does not get around at all anymore. I don't know a whole lot about his early life except he worked hard and became a deputy of Marion County . He also worked in the coal mines at an early age. There is an interesting story of his coal mining work. It seemed one afternoon he and his brother were working in an old mine shaft in Centralia, Illinois when his brother, Paul, who later died of coal miner's lung diseasem became ill and grandpa was asked to take him out of the mine. Grandpa said that they were really lucky because they hadn't been out of the mine but about 10 seconds when it began to rumble and collapse. Just think, 10 seconds made the difference and this paper would never have been written. Well, after the collapse of the mine, Grandpa Kramer never went back to work in the mines. Instead, he left home to join the wild prairie as a cowboy. He cowboyed around the country in such places as Montana and Texas. When he came back to Centralia, Illinois he drove a truck for awhile and then went to work with his brothers at the Illinois Central Railroad Shops. It was during this time that he married Irene Pfeiffer, daughter of Joe Pieffer and Mary Rath Pieffer.

There is an interesting story also behind the Joe Peiffer - Mary Rath marriage. It seemed that Mary Rath was from a well to do family in

Centralia, Illinois and were people of high culture. So when Mary announced that she was going to mary Joe Peiffer quite a ruccus was made. It seemed that great grandpa Joe Pieffer was just a poor common man, but known all over Southern Illinois for his cigar making and his drinking habits. It was said Joe Peiffer made the best cigars in Southern Illinois and his name was famous for it along with one of his relatives being the mayor of Centralia atthe time. But, poor great grandpa Peifer was also known as a drunkard and this is what the Roth family objected to. But, against their wishes, Mary Roth and Joe Peiffer were married. They had only one daughter, Irene Peiffer, before great grandpa Peiffer died. After his death, Grandma Peiffer married a man by the name of Heller and from that marriage came two boys, Delbert and Ray Heller, giving Irene two stepbrothers and a higher class of living. Irene Peiffer like my Grandma Lewis, also went through High School and college at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She taught 3rd grade at Schiller School in Centralia. She taught up until the time when she was pregnant with her first child. There is an interesting story connected with the Peiffer - Kramer marriage. It seemed that since Grandma Peiffer was now higher class by marrying into the Heller family she objected to her daughter marrying Raymond Wm. Kramer, just a common laborer, when she had done the same thing against her parents will. Well, as I said before, she taught school until she became pregnant and the first child was born on November 12th, 1930, a daughter, named Doris Lynn Kramer and 18 months later a boy, Kenneth D. Kramer was born on March 10th, 1932, and 18 months later, another boy, born on September 11th, 1933 and named Darrell Lee Kramer. And, she was pregnant again when tragedy struck

at the age of 27 years old and she died of peritonitis in March of 1934. Today this sickness would have been cured with one shot of penicilin.

Going back a little bit, right after their marriage Grandpa Kramer lost his job and was unemployed for awhile. Then after he found a laboring job, the Stock Market crashed and the depression was on. Grandpa lost his job again and as far as I know was unemployed until Roosevelt became President of the United States and he began to work for the W.P.A. He started out as a foreman and soon worked his way up into an administrative job. It was while he was holding down this job that his wife died. After his death he went to the Baptist Church to ask the minister to bury her. The minister wanted $20.00 to do it. So he didn't have $20.00 and he went to St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Centralia and the pastor there did it for nothing. It seemed after Grandma Kramer's death, Grandpa Kramer became bitter with the church and the world and still shows his bitterness today even though his son, Kenneth D. Kramer has been in the ministry for over 17 years now.

So after his wife's death, Grandpa Kramer took the three children and moved in with his father and mother and three brothers still at home. The three children were a little too much for great grandma Kramer and so in the fall of 1934, Grandpa Kramer put his three children in The Hoyleton, Illinois Evangelical and Reformed Children's Home. He wanted all three of them to stay together and not be separated and he could not find anyone to take care of them for him who would take all three during that time. So he placed them in the home and kept them together and visited them frequently. He left them in the

children's home for 8 years. In 1940 Grandpa Kramer remarried to Essel Nora Blair (called Sarah) of Louisville, Illinois. She was raised on a farm her father and mother owned. I don't know too much of her childhood except that when my dad met her and married her she was working at Brown's Shoe Factory in Flora, Illinois. Grandpa Kramer did not take the children out of the children's home for a year after they were married. Then in 1942 he took the children out of the home. It was at this time that most of the meat on the table was from hunting and fishing. Grandpa Kramer now worked for the Street and Alley Department of the City of Centralia, Ill. and making .90¢ an hour. He was also tending bar and running a pool hall on weekends to bring in a few extra dollars.

The children upon return home were kept very religious because the only way the Children's Home would release the children was if Grandpa Kramer promised to send the children to Sunday School and confirmation. They also had certain chores around the house that they were to do and these chores were strictly enforced. Punishment usually resulted in a loud bawling out or a whipping, my father, Kenneth D. Kramer would say if they did not obey. So all three children pretty much stayed in line and Kenneth Kramer said he only got one spanking. He said there was no use to break the rules as there was nothing to gain from it.

When the children were taken from the home they lived in a small 2 room apartment and the two boys, Kenneth and Darell had cots out in the hall. Very shortly after they moved out of the home the Kramer family moved into a three room apartment in the same building. But still, because of crowded conditions, a little later they moved to a small rented house where they lived for 3½ yrs. It was during this

time in the year 1945 that Grandpa Kramer got his first refrigerator and got rid of the old ice box. From the rented home, Grandpa Kramer bought his first home in 1946 where he still lives today. It is a small 5 room house on the west side of Centralia and all of his neighbors with him were from the same German heritage.

Grandpa Kramer worked for the Centralia Street Department until 1965 when he retired at the age of 63 because of poor health.

A little more about the children. Doris Lynn Kramer never finished high school and went to work for the Hollywood Candy Company before she married Harold Sanders of Centralia. They have three children and still live in Centralia as Harold works for the Illinois Central Railroad Car Shop.

Kenneth Dee Kramer, who I will expound more on later since he is my father. He did complete high school, 4 years in the United States Air Force, 4 years of college and 4 years of Seminary, and is now an ordained minister in The United Church of Christ. He married Janet Sue Lewis in 1953 and they had three children, and are now living in Belvidere, Ill. where Rev. Kenneth D. Kramer is serving St. John's United Church of Christ.

Darrell Lee Kramer also quit high school a month before he was to graduate and joined the marines. While in the Marines he got his General Educational Developement. Upon returning from Korea he married Barbara Dodillet and they have two children. He too works for the Illinois Central Railroad Car Shops and lives in Centralia.

They all have a good marriage and are happy.

The story of Kenneth Dee Kramer in some ways is a story of a boy who grew into a young man of great faith. For when times were rough and money was scarce during those college and seminary days he and his wife, Janet Sue Kramer did not give up. It was this faith that carried them

through along with a lot of hard work. He was born on March 10th, 1934, the son of Raymond William and Irene Peiffer Kramer. He lived with his mother and father until his mother died in 1934 when he was put in the Hoyleton Children's Home for a period of 8 yrs. He lived there with his brother and sister and approximately 130 other children until he was 10 years old. The times were poor and hard. Each child in the home had only 2 pairs of jeans which were changed once a week on Saturday when you got your weekly bath in preparation for Sunday. There are many, many stories that can be told about the children in the Children's Home, but they are too numerous to mention. He did go to the Hoyleton Public Grade School for grades 1 - 5. When they moved back to Centralia when his father, Raymond Wm. Kramer re-married, he continued his education at Central and Shiller Grade Schools. He attended Centralia High School all four years and this is also when he started working outside the home. At age 13 he worked for 4 years at the bowling alley setting pins and also worked at the local country club for 4 summers as a golf caddy. Once he caddied in a foursome with Sam Sneed. At age 16 he began to work part time at Mother's Bakery in Centralia and at age 17 went to work full time for the bakery and joined the union there. He made $1.60 an hour while working there. He worked there for 3 years while he finished high school and also 2 years of Centralia Junior College. It was during this time that he got to know Janet Sue Lewis a little better than just seeing her in the halls at school. After graduation from the Junior College, he had received his teacher certificate, however; no one would hire him because the Korean conflict was heavy and Kenneth's draft status was IA. To avoid going into the Army,

Kenneth enlisted in The United States Air Force in 1952. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, he was transferred to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Missippi for electronics training in repairing radar sets When it came time for graduation from the school, everyone in Kenneth's class was sent to Korea except him, and he was retained at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi as an electronic instructor, teaching men what he had just learned. In the summer of 1953 Janet Sue Lewis went to Biloxi, Mississippi and Janet and Kenneth were married on June 13th at the Base Chapel. In 1954, on June 7th, I was born at the Base Hospital. He did not re-enlist and was honorably discharged in 1956 as a staff sargeant. In the fall of 1956, Kenneth Kramer enrolled at the University of Illinois and the family moved to Champaign, Illinois. It was at this time that my dad decided to enter the Christian ministry. About 6 months later he was asked to move to Farmer City, Illinois to pastor a small Congregational Church there. He did so and in 1958 after graduation from the University of Illinois, we moved to Jamestown, Illinois while dad pastored a small church there and started school at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri. He pastored the church at Jamestown for 18 months and during this time, my sister, Zola Mae Kramer was born on April 16th, 1959. When Zola was a year old we moved again to a new position, pastoring a little larger church at Edwardsville, Illinois. Kenneth pastored this church for 3½ yrs. During that time he graduated from Eden Theological Seminary and was ordained as a pastor in The United Church of Christ. In the summer of 1963, Kenneth took a church at Wellington, Missouri, but only stayed 14 months when he took a church in Addieville, Illinois in the fall of 1964. Here at Addieville, my father and mother adopted my youngest

sister, Kerri Ann Kramer, born October 16th, 1967. We got her when she was eleven days old. After a successful ministry at Addieville for a period of 9 years, Dad decided to take another challenge and on June 1st, 1973, Rev. Kenneth D. Kramer took the pastorate of St. John's United Church of Christ in Belvidere, Illinois and is presently serving this congregation.

Rev. Kenneth Kramer is a very good minister and though my opinion may be biased, I feel he shows competence in different aspects of the field. He can work well with young people one minute and the next talk to old people and make them feel wanted and important. Every church has been sorry to see him go everytime he decides to seek a new challenge. It seems he has a real talent for healing run down or broken congregations and many funeral directors say he is one of the best ministers they ever saw when it comes to ministering to the bereaved. He has a special talent for preparing funeral sermons to fit each individual.

Janet Sue Lewis Kramer, third child of Thomas Earl and Zola Mae Lewis was born on February 25th, 1934 and lived most of her life growing up in Centralia, Illinois except for the few years spent in St. Louis, Missouri and Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the Second World War. She grew up in a lower middle income family who never starved, but never were able to put any money away either. It was during the early years of her childhood in Centralia, Illinois that the oil boom sprang up in Centralia and today there are just a few operating. Most all of them have gone dry. Janet's education began at Central Grade School in Centralia for her first two years. After moving to St. Louis she attended third grade at Meramec Grade School and when she moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn. she attended the 4th and 5th

grades at Pine Valley Grade School. After the war when her family returned to Centralia, she attended the 6th grade at Irving Grade School and ironically finished the 7th and 8th grades back where she started at Central Grade School. After grade school she attended Centralia High School where she was an honor student. Janet reports that she never got to attend the basketball or baseball games or any outside activities at school because her parents would not let her out after dark to be on the streets. She was allowed to go to the Youth Fellowship Meetings at the church and the choir practices at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Centralia. The only other outing she would have would be a Saturday or Sunday matinee at the movie house in Centralia until she started dating Kenneth Kramer. Janet commented that she was given a small allowance by her older sister. She said she did not always have as many nice clothes as she wanted, but there was always plenty of food on the table. Often through the years the family would have a nice big vegetable garden and her mother would can.

Janet also remembered during the war of all the rationing of food and gas. She talked about having to stand in line with her mother and sisters for nylons and soap powder. She also remembers the family saving their rationing stamps so the could take a trip to Pennslyvania to see her mother's sister. She remembers they had to drive 35 miles an hour all the way there and back from Oak Ridge, Tenn. as the rubber tires were scarce during the World War II. She remembers that hamburger was not to be had during the war and when it first came back on the market again, a rich neighbor got some and they all ran to the window as to smell it was a special treat. Janet said she always lived in a large enough house and after her sister was married she had her own room. She said living

conditions were always fairly good. She had a dream of going to college and becoming a teacher, but she could not do so as the family was too poor to even consider such an idea. So after high school she got a job at the telephone company as a long distant telephone operator until almost nine months later she went to Biloxi, Mississippi to Keesler Air Force Base to marry Kenneth D. Kramer. She said she dated Kenneth during the summer, 3 months before he went into the air force. He came home for a Christmas leave of two weeks, but outside of that that was the only time they had together until she went down in June of the next year to marry Kenneth after corresponding faithfully during the time they were apart. She said Kenneth was too poor to have a car and they had to walk everywhere they went, but who cares when you are in love. After marriage to Kenneth she became a housewife and when Kenneth started school again she was his main typist. For the past 17 years Janet has been housewife, mother to three children and secretary to all the churches that Kenneth has served. However, St. John's U.C.C. Belvidere, is the first church to pay for her services as church secretary. For the almost 20 years I have lived with my mother, Janet Kramer, I have found her to be a good wife and an excellent mother. And although she doesn't think she makes a very good pastor's wife, she really does and she looks very good and doesn't look as old as she really is. All in all it is nice to have her around. She didn't know may father was going to go into the ministry when she married him. He didn't decide on that until they had been married for two years. She said if she had known she probably wouldn't have married him and it would have been too bad, but she said she didn't feel as if she fit the image of a good pastor's wife.

I, Kenneth D. Kramer Jr. was born in an Air Force Base Hospital

in Biloxi, Mississippi on June 7th, 1954. Although I am very big now, standing at six foot six and weighing 225 pounds, I was the smallest of the 3 babies born in our family. Jokingly, I asked my grandfather, Raymond Wm. Kramer, if I was the tallest Kramer on record and his reply was, "Dammit boy, you are also the biggest." I was born with one small handicap which I have now almost entirely overcome. I was born with a harelip and cleft palate, but after seven operations many people now tell me its not even noticeable. The biggest problem I have now is with my teeth which will be fixed this year. I also have a small speech problem which I am practicing to solve now. Many doctors have told me I have come a long way for the predicament I was in, and one doctor told my mother when I was little that I would never be able to talk plainly, but she took me to speech clinics all the while I was growing up and I have almost entirely overcome my problem. I also hope my new false teeth will help to correct the matter. My education began in Edwardsville, Ill in one of the last of the one room school houses in America, I think. However, they bused me to a larger school in Glen Carbon, Ill. for my second and third grades. I went to 4th grade at Washington Grade School in Wellington, Missouri before returning back to Illinois in 1964. I completed my grade school education in Addieville Grade School, 5th - 8th. My graduating class from this small town in Addieville had 13 people in it and we were the largest class to graduate from Addieville in almost 100 years. This number was soon broken however, for only 5 years later, my sister graduated from Addieville Grade School with a grand total of 16 in her class. I completed my High School Education at Okawville, Ill. at Okawville Community High School about 5 miles

from Addieville. The most memorable events of my High School days was the year the Okawville Rockets (basketball team) got to go to State and also my graduation night.

In 1970 the small school of Okawville played basketball like it has never played before. We had a seven foot senior along with two 6' 6" forewards and two of the quickest guards in the state. If you can imagine the excitement when a small school went to the state finals for the first time in its history and this was before the class division titles separating the small schools from the larger ones. It was, in fact, Okawville, who helped make the decision to separate into two divisions, because such a small school of 250 students could just not beat all the Chicago Schools with thousands of students from which to pick their star players. Then their was a big celebration when the team returned home. It was really exciting! There was a special Rocket Day in which our seven foot center received a 10 minute standing ovation. These times I will always remember.

The other time I remember was the night I graduated from Okawville High School. It seemed that my favorite teacher, Mr. Miller, with whom I had History Classes for 4 years gave me the History Award for being the best History Student in my class for the 4 years. There were only 62 in my graduating class and although it was small and the small school did not offer us the best education, I believe it was good. We were a small class who was very close knit and we had another joyous time together when our whole class went to Washington D.C. together as a class trip during the Easter Vacation time in our Senior year. All my life I have always had good living conditions, although most of my life I lived in church parsonages. I have never known hunger or poverty.

I especially remember the time I learned how to drive and my parents bought me an old car to drive to school and around. I am still driving that car to this day which says I have taken good care of it.

I really feel life has picked up for me the last two years. I have really enjoyed my two years of college. I guess my biggest hurt or disappointment in life was when my maternal grandmother, Zola Mae Dodillet was killed in a head on collision. I found this very hard to accept. I am thankful that I had such a good grandmother who was mostly responsible for my having the confidence I have in myself today.

My plans for the future are: I will finish my last two years of college in DeKalb, Illinois at Northern Illinois University and then on to Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri. I guess the environment I have lived in has had a great influence on me, because I want to be a minister like my father, Kenneth Dee Kramer Sr.

This takes my family history up to date. It is nice to know where one originates from and this paper has added greatly to my knowledge, not only of my past family, but a better understanding of History too. A lot of things have happenned since the time when Grandma rode to school in horseback until today when I drive to school in my car. A lot of great History full of assasinations of great leaders and great advances made in science, space and military technology. A great period full of history, memories and time.

KRAWCZYK, JO ANN LYNN, 1956-

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1. Your name JoAnn Lynn Krawczyk
   Date of form November 25, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.
   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
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4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.
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   X Farming ___ Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   ___ Professions X Industrial labor ___ Other

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   X Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational X Lutheran
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   X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   ___ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   X Photographs X Maps ___ Other

AMILY DATA

Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Stanley John Krawczyk Current Residence
If dead, date of death Oct 9, 1965

Place of birth Kornatce, Poland Date of Birth March 18, 1884

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farmer	Dates 1890 - 1903	1st Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1903-1912
2nd Molder	Dates 1903 - 1926	2nd Rockford, Ill.	Dates 1912-1965
3rd Cattle Buyer	Dates 1926 - 1960	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrate

Place of Marriage to your grandmother St. Ann's Church, Chicago date July 16, 1907

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Anna Rose (Piecha) Krawczyk Current Residence 2229 Montague Road Rockford, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Jelesnia, Poland. Pow Zywiec Date of birth July 6, 1884

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Field Worker	Dates 1899-1904	1st Chicago, Ill	Dates 1904-1912
2nd Housewife	Dates 1904-1916	2nd Rockford, Ill	Dates 19-12-1974
3rd Restaurant Cook	Dates 1916-1924	3rd	Dates
4th Housewife	Dates 1924-1974	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrate, St. Stanislaus Alter and Rosary society, Third Order of St Francis

Place of marriage to your grandfather St. Ann's Church, Chicago DATE July 16, 1907

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

rand~~father~~ mother (your mother's side)

ame Jennie Anna (Gustafson) Nygren Current Residence _____

f dead, date of death Sept. 19, 1929

lace of birth Vaxjo, Smaland, Sweden Date of birth Dec. 26, 1879

ducation (number of years):

grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
t Maid	Dates 1899-1908	1st	Rockford, Ill	Dates 1905-1929
d Housewife	Dates 1908-1929	2nd		Dates
rd	Dates	3rd		Dates
h	Dates	4th		Dates

eligion Lutheran

olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrate

lace of marriage to your grandmother Rockford Ill. date Jan 12, 1908

ote: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

rand~~mother~~ father (your mother's side)

ame Frank (Paulson) Nygren Current Residence _____

f dead, date of death Nov 16, 1969

lace of birth Vaxjo, Smaland, Sweden Date of birth April 24, 1880

ducation (number of years)

grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

cupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
t Farmer and Hunter	Dates 1894-1900	1st	Chicago, Ill	Dates 1900-1905
d Bartender	Dates 1900-1905	2nd	Rockford, Ill.	Dates 1905-1967
rd Leather worker	Dates 1905-1947	3rd		Dates

eligion Lutheran

olitical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrate

lace of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Ill date Jan 12, 1908

ote: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name Walter Krawczyk
Place of birth Chicago, Ill. date 1909
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Maintanence man
Residence Rockford Marital Status Married
Number of children 10

Name Sophia Krawczyk
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date 1912
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married (deceased)
Number of children 1

Name Joseph Krawczyk
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date March 12, 1913
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation machinist
Residence 1119-9th St. Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

Name Bernard Krawczyk
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date 1915
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Sheriff
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 5 (Howard)

Name Julie Krawczyk
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date 1916
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 0

Name Bernice (Hester) Krawczyk
Place or birth Rockford, Ill. date 1925
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Divorced
Number of children 2

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Lillian (Bergvall) Nygren
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date 1909
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Telephone Operator
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

2. Name Clara Nygren
Place of birth date 1911
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Maid
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Single
Number of children 0 (Deceased)

3. Name Margaret (Krawczyk) Nygren
Place of birth Rockford, Ill date July 20, 1914
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

4. Name Edith (Miller) Nygren
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. date 1919
Number of years of schooling Occupation House wife
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status
Number of children 2

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

r Father

e Joseph Stanley Krawczyk Current Residence 1119-8th St. Rockford, Ill.
dead, date of death

ce of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth March 12, 1913
cation (number of years)
ade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

upation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Farmer Dates 1925-1933 1st Rockford, Ill. Dates 1945-1974
Industrial labor Dates 1933-1945 2nd Dates
Bartender Dates 1945-1958 3rd Dates
Industrial worke Dates 4th Dates
igion Roman Catholic

itical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrate

ce of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date Jan 1, 1955
E: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

r Mother

e Margaret Violet Krawczyk Current Residence 1119-8th St Rockford, Ill.
dead, date of death

ce of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth July 20, 1914
cation (number of years)
ade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

upation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Maid Dates 1932-1934 1st Rockford, Ill. Dates 1932-1974
Industrial worker Dates 1934-1936 2nd Dates
Housewife Dates 1936-1942 3rd Dates
Industrial worker 1942-1955
House wife 1955-1974
igion Lutheran

itical party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrate

ce of marriage to your father Rockford, Ill. date Jan 1, 1955
E: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

HILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

ame Jo Ann Lynn Krawczyk
lace of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth March 25 1956
umber of years of schooling 12 Occupation Student
esidence Rockford Ill. Marital Status Single
umber of children

ame
lace of birth Date of birth
umber of years of schooling Occupation
esidence Marital Status
umber of children

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lace of birth Date of birth
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esidence Marital Status
umber of children

III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Jo Ann Krawczyk

Date Nov. 26, 1974

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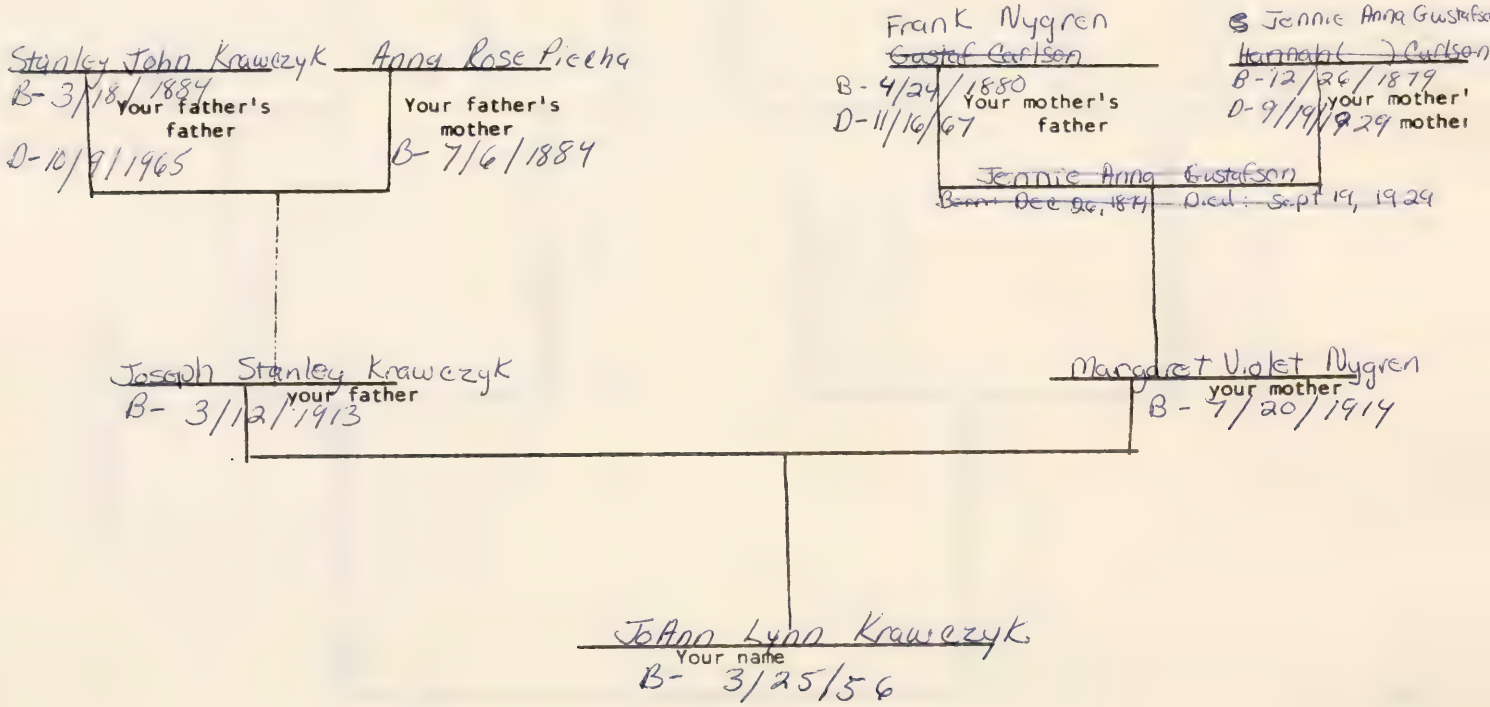
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



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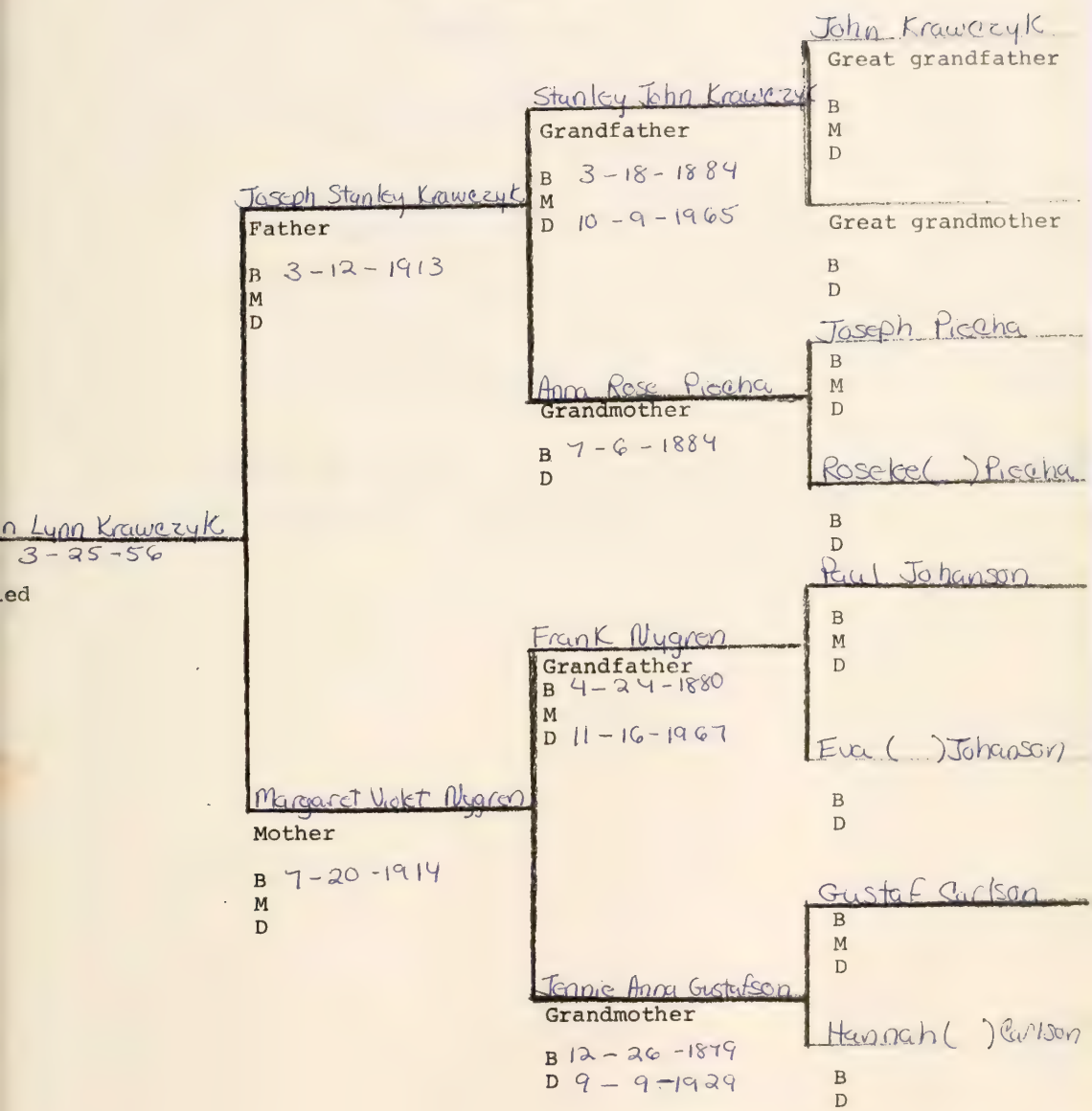

SOURCES

1. Margaret Krawczyk
2. Joseph Krawczyk
3. Anna Krawczyk
4. Julie Howard
5. Lillian Bergvall
6. Edith Miller
7. Bernard Krawczyk

Each of these people contributed information, either through conversation or photographs.

PREFACE

This paper presents my family history. It includes the lives of my maternal grandparents, my paternal grandparents, my mother, and my father. At the writing of this paper, only my grandmother Krawczyk is alive. Everything in this paper is based on stories my relatives have told me. Without them, this paper would be impossible. I would like to thank my mother Marge Krawczyk, my father Joseph Krawczyk, my grandmother Anna Krawczyk, my aunt Julie Howard, who interpreted the conversations between my grandmother and I; and my aunt Lillian Bergvall, who furnished the Nygren family pictures. With their co-operation, I have found out as much as I possible can.

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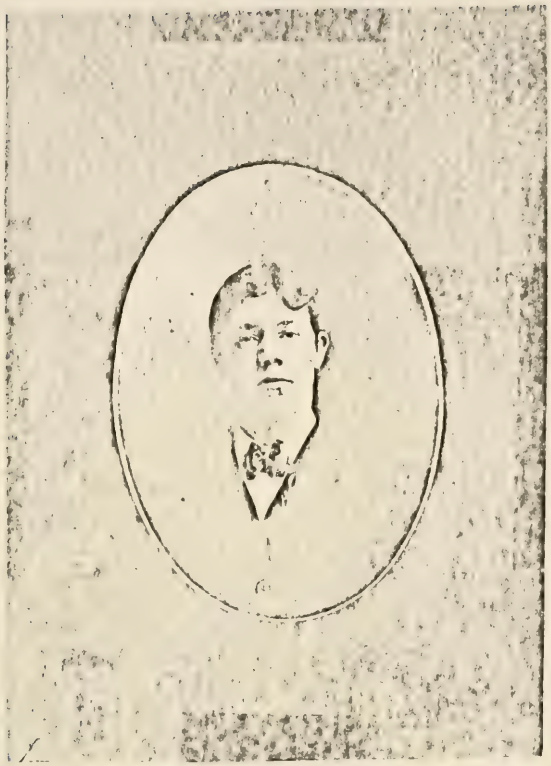

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[illegible] in their place. [illegible] that their [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] C[illegible] [illegible] R[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] citizen. (See page 8.) During that time, [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]ford. [illegible] listed her. On January 1[illegible], 1[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

8.

...STATE OF ILLINOIS...

COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO.

In the Matter of the Naturalization of Frank Nygren ***an Allen.***

Be It Remembered, That on the 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Six personally appeared before the Honorable Rufus B. Bailey presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of Winnebago and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record, of the State of Illinois, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk, and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House in Rockford, in the County aforesaid,) Frank Nygren an allen born, free male person, above the age of twenty-one years, and filed his Petition to the said Court, verified by his affidavit praying to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject, and especially as set forth in Title 30, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, approved June 22d, 1874, and in an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, A. D. 1903.

And the said allen applicant having produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States according to the provisions of the several acts of Congress in that behalf, and it being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court, as well from

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And the said alien applicant having produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States according to the provisions of the several acts of Congress in that behalf, and it being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court, as well from the oath of said applicant, as from the oaths of ~~said~~ Wm Lindberg and Herman Klang who are known to be competent witnesses, and other testimony produced in open Court, that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time, he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well being and happiness of the same, and two years and upward having elapsed since the said applicant reported himself and filed his Declaration of his Intention as aforesaid.

And it further being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court by said testimony and by the said affidavit of said applicant and the said affidavits of the said witnesses that said alien applicant has not violated any of the provisions of said above mentioned Act of Congress approved March 3 1903, entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States." And it particularly being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court from testimony heard in open Court, as well as from the said affidavits of said alien applicant, and said witnesses that the said applicant is not a person who disbelieves in, or is opposed to, all organized government, and is [illegible] of, or affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief in, or opposition to all organized government, and that he does not advocate or teach the duty, necessity or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, whether specific individuals or officers generally of the Government of the United States or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character

IT WAS ORDERED that the said applicant be permitted to take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the usual oath whereby he renounced all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatever, and more particularly to Czar Second Emperor of Russia and Norway whereof he was heretofore a subject, which said oath having been administered to the said applicant by the Clerk of said Court and said petition and all proceedings in said cause made and recorded, it was ordered by the Court that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court under the seal of said Court accordingly.

ATTEST: Marque Anderson CLERK
By Emma L. Johnson Deputy

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[illegible] 1 [illegible], [illegible] found that [illegible] living [illegible] Rockford. [illegible] that he found someone from his hometown in Sweden. He [illegible] that [illegible] her. He frequently visited her [illegible] [illegible] was also [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] half, they knew they [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] they were married.

[illegible] d, [illegible] [illegible] 1 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their second daughter, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that they needed [illegible]. [illegible], they purchased a two story house with [illegible] years. ([illegible]) That [illegible] year [illegible]. [illegible] years later, [illegible] and [illegible] raising their children. ([illegible]) [illegible], [illegible] found out that she [illegible]. She [illegible], [illegible] one year. [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] their [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] later, [illegible] [illegible]. In 19[illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

"OUR OLD PLACE"

Clara [illegible]

Clara, Margaret, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Jones [illegible]. ([illegible]) [illegible] children. The [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] lived [illegible] similar to those of other [illegible] [illegible]. Each corner of the [illegible] [illegible]. In one corner, the children [illegible] sleep, in another corner the parents might sleep, one corner was used for cooking, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] help [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] their [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Catholics. [illegible] family life. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rz.Kat.Urząd Parafialny
Jeleśnia pow. Żywiec

L.dz. ...../.....

Wyciąg z księgi urodzonych i ochrzczonych

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Franciszek Piecha

Data,miejsce urodzenia 1 lipca 1884 r. Jeleśnia

Data i miejsce Chrztu św.: 6 lipca 1884 r. Jeleśnia pow. Żywiec

Ojciec Józef Matka Rozalia Olszanek

Jeleśnia dnia 23.4.52 19...r.

m.p.

Stanisław Krawczyk

urodził się w Kornatce N17

dnia 22 marca 1885 r.

odnaleziono 23 marca 1885 r.

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Grodzisk Mazowiecki

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] were married on July 15, [illegible]. (See page [illegible]) [illegible] lived in [illegible] building [illegible]. [illegible] brother Charles lived with the [illegible] [illegible] 1803, [illegible] to Scotland. [illegible] lived [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
1329 MAGNOLIA STREET
ROCKFORD, ILL.

July 22, 1957

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Anna Krawczyk has been a member of this parish from its very beginning, that is from the year 1912, as is shown on the official Parish Records.

Marriage Certificate

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SAINT ANN'S CHURCH

1814 South Leavitt Street — Chicago 8, Illinois

This is to Certify

That Stanley Krawczyk

and Anna Piecha

were lawfully **Married**

on the 16th day of July 1907

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

and in conformity with the laws of

the State of Illinois

Rev. Casimir F. Slominski officiating

in the presence of John Piwowarczyk

and Julia Musial Witnesses

as appears from the Marriage Register of this Church.

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89 Rev. E. Wyrocki Past Pastor

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[illegible]

[illegible] Victor [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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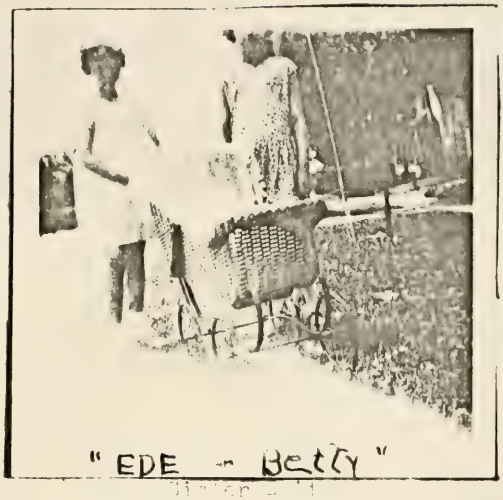
ARGARET [illegible] AND [illegible]

Lillia[illegible], [illegible], Clara



"EDE [illegible] Betty"

[illegible]

[illegible] the children [illegible] strict Catholics, [illegible] the children [illegible] first communion [illegible]

[illegible] started school in 19[illegible]. He went to [illegible] Bagger School. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

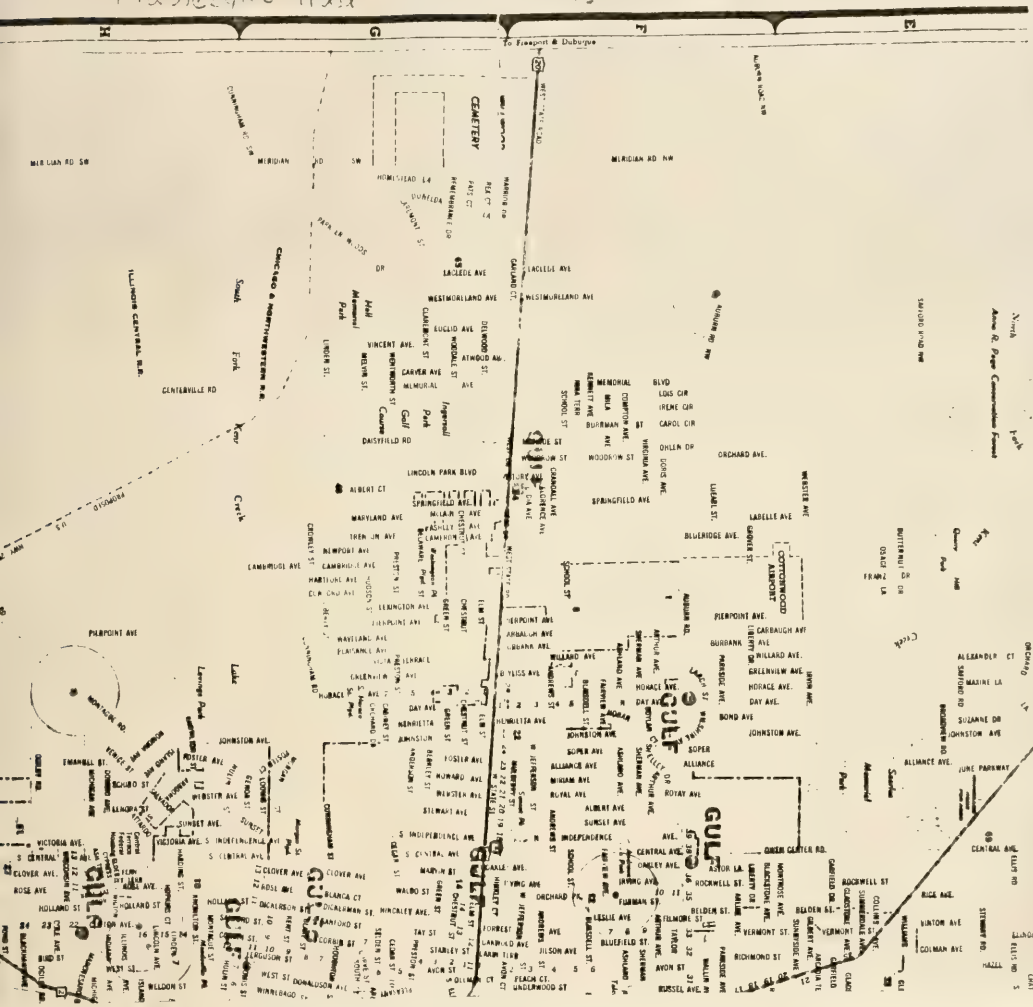
[illegible] (See page 2[illegible]) [illegible] from the regional. [illegible] Charles [illegible] to her [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] only [illegible] [illegible] bought [illegible] [illegible] by homesteaders. (See page 2[illegible])

[illegible] graduated from [illegible] Valley College. A plan of [illegible] University School of Nursing in 1[illegible].

• Areas where Frawczyks lived • = Areas where Nygrens lived •



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